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Campaign to bring dialysis to new centre

CALLS have been made for a dialysis unit to be brought in at a new multi-million pound health village.

Shropshire Councillor Bill Benyon wants dialysis services to be provided in the north west of the county.

He said it could be at Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen or at the new health centre in the former Cambrian Railway buildings in Oswestry.

He said he had been approached by a number of people living in his ward and has since raised the subject with North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson and Shropshire Council leader Keith Barrow.

Councillor Benyon said: "The location suggested is the Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen but after discussion with Councillor Barrow and Mr Paterson there is adequate space in the medical centre in the Cambrian Railway buildings."

Councillor Barrow said his late mother Doris, who was a former Oswestry mayor, had to travel to Wrexham for such treatment.

He said: "Councillor Benyon came up with the idea and I think it is a really good idea and it warrants looking at seriously."

Mr Paterson added: "This sounds like an interesting project and I look forward to hearing more details."

Power cut warnings

UP to 40,000 electricity customers near Shropshire risk a major blackout if a new electricity line is not constructed, power giant SPP Manweb has warned.

The company wants to create a line from Wrexham to Oswestry. A public inquiry began on Tuesday into the bid for the overhead line between the Legacy and Oswestry substations.

Dr Andy Beddoes, design engineer for Scottish Power, told the hearing that the existing line served a pivotal role.

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An artist's impression of how the gates would look.

Town gateway designs unveiled

PROPOSALS to build new gateways at the three road entrances into Oswestry have been unveiled.

The town's Civic Society has ambitious plans to have large stone structures installed at the Whittington, Gobowen and Mile End roundabouts to attract passing motorists on the A5.

Civic Society member Norman Blackburn presented drawings of the large, stone columns or gates which have been designed with side panel images illustrating the original town gates, Oswestry Hillfort and the words

'Visit Oswestry' on them. He said: "They will be sizeable structures somewhere between 12 and 14 feet high, three feet wide and about 10 feet deep."

Mr Blackburn's inspiration for the gates comes from his research in the town's archives, from historic books and the 1782 Newgate Pillar in Church Street.

He said: "By introducing something different in appearance we should invoke Oswestry's historic past.

"I propose that we should recreate

stone columns or gates at each roundabout on both sides of the road."

He said the structures could be made out of greystone blockwork with rubble infill to keep costs down.

Mr Blackburn said the next step would be contacting 10 different funding bodies for help with costs, although he is yet to reveal any figures. He will then have to talk to councils to discuss planning permissions.

Mayor Councillor Martin Bennett agreed something should be done with Mile End roundabout entrance.

Food bank volunteers expecting big demand

FOOD bank volunteers in Oswestry say they are bracing themselves for an escalation of demand for food handouts as the economic crisis worsens.

Nearly 700 people have received emergency food since the project began a year ago and Phil Simpson, one of the founder members, says with the economy worsening more people are expected to turn to it for help.

This week town councilors gave their support to the scheme. Councillor Chris Schofield said: "It beggars belief that we need a food bank in Oswestry in 2012."

Speaking to the town council, Mr Simpson said the food bank was set up partly under the wing of the national Trussell Trust last autumn and moved to headquarters in Beatrice Street in April.

"Since we began 677 people have been given three days supply of food. Very few have been given more than three vouchers which means we have helped about 600 individuals," Mr Simpson said, adding average of 50 people a month were receiving vouchers but that the figure shot up in August, during the school summer holidays.

"We believe this is as children were not receiving free school meals, some families started to feel the pinch."

"But with the economy not getting any better we are bracing ourselves for a rise."

JOBs BOOST HOPE AT THRIVING FIRM

NEW JOBS are on the way to Welshpool after a manufacturer landed contracts worth £6 million per year.

Invertek Drives has won contracts with two major international automotive companies to supply a full range of variable speed drives.

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"Our state of the art manufacturing facilities will continue to expand rapidly to support the company's growth," said sales and marketing director Rhidian Welson.

"The latest major facilities development is already at an advance stage of planning and will create increased employment opportunities in the region."

by Graham Breeze

Ex-Woolies staff in payment bid

FORMER staff at the Woolworths store in Welshpool have been given the green light to pursue compensation claims.

Sixteen members of staff lost their jobs when the national chain collapsed but can now claim compensation after an employment appeal tribunal chairman encouraged shop workers' union Usdaw to pursue the cases.

Woolworths and Ethel Austin stores with below 20 staff were not recognised when 25,000 former employees of both companies won £70 million after both firms collapsed in September.

The company's growth has been spearheaded through exports to global markets and is set to continue at an increasing pace.

The company is dedicated to the design, manufacture and marketing of electronic variable speed drives for controlling electric motors. Its Welshpool headquarters houses facilities for research and development, manufacturing and global marketing and its products are sold in more than 65 countries.

John Gorle, Usdaw national officer, said:

"Whatever the current interpretation of the law, it has always been a nonsense to suggest that staff in smaller shops were not part of the same collective redundancy situation as their colleagues in larger stores."

Moustaches on to raise cash



Back, Chris Luther, head of Bonington House, with pupils from year seven, Jake Evans and Sarah Ryan.

THE fundraising effort by pupils at Oswestry's Marches School in support of Children in Need has an unusual twist this year.

Every pupil at the school has been asked to turn up on Friday dressed as something beginning with the first letter of their school house name.

Many members of Mallory House have already volunteered to turn up with a drawn-on moustache to lessons.

Boys and girls will sport their Mallory Moustache with pride in a bid to win highly coveted house points as part of the special non-uniform day.

Bonington House leader Chris Luther said: "House participation points are up for grabs for all staff and students that choose to participate."

"I am very much looking forward to seeing the array of outfits on show."

Students and staff are required to donate £1 in return for wearing non-uniform.

Cash plea to change seats

COUNCILLORS will be asked next week to fund new seats for Gobowen Community Centre - after people complained its current seats were too uncomfortable.

Groups who use Gobowen's Pavilion complained that the plastic chairs are a health hazard, according to a report to the area's Local Joint Committee. Councillors will be asked to give a grant of £1,500 for new chairs, a new alarm system and other work.

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Ambulance hub system boosts response times

by Sue Austin

A NEW ambulance system has boosted response times around Shropshire's third largest town by more than 10 per cent, it has been claimed.

The new system - in which ambulances are serviced at central hubs before being sent out to community stations - has seen response times soar around Oswestry since it was introduced at the start of October.

Bosses say they have met the national eight-minute target to reach patients in 85 per cent of 999 calls over the past month compared to 73 per cent the month before.

The new Make Ready programme involves the creation of round-the-clock fleet maintenance hubs where teams of assistants prepare, service and maintain ambulances.

Ambulance crews collect vehicles and go to the Community Ambulance Stations, from where they respond to 999 calls.

Oswestry Town Councilors heard from ambulance service bosses at their meeting last week. They had voiced fears that the changes in the system - including the closing of the town's ambulance station in the next couple of weeks - would see Oswestry suffer.

But Michelle Brotherton, general manager for Shropshire, said 15 daytime crews and between nine and 11 at night, begin their shifts at the hubs in Donnington and Shrewsbury.

Crews were then dispatched to areas where it had been shown they were likely to be in greatest need, and market towns also had community paramedics who stayed in the areas in which they worked.

Councillors they were still concerned that there would not be an ambulance in Oswestry

Fashion show is a fundraiser



A FASHION show staged by Nikki's Boutique will help raise funds for the Hope House Children's Hospice. The Christmas Fashion & Shopping event will take place at Sweeney Hall Hotel at 7pm on November 27 when Nikki Stafford-Lawrence, who runs fashion boutiques in Welshpool and Oswestry, will be showing collections from Johnny Q, Pomadoro, SoCouture and other lines. Tickets are on sale at £10 to include mince pies and mulled wine. Call the fundraising office on 01691 671671.

Slimmers honour for brave Grace, 19



Grace Currie

A TEENAGER who suffered serious head injuries in a car accident is continuing to inspire others to do everything they can with their lives.

Members of an Oswestry-based slimming club were so impressed by the bravery of 19-year-old Grace Currie that they entered her into a group competition, which she won.

Grace, who still suffers mobility problems, was knocked down by a car while crossing a road in 2010.

She joined Oswestry Cabin Lane Slimming World six weeks ago and fellow slimmers were so impressed by her commitment and positive attitude that she has won the group's Miss Slinky competition.

Group consultant Claire Morris said: "She is a worthy winner because she is such an inspiration to us all."

"She is always positive and never ever complains. Grace works hard at everything she does."

"The Miss Slinky award is for members who have not had lot to lose but have shown a great deal of commitment and effort."

Other winners were Pauline Porcher and Anne Davies.

Dwelling plans

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A BT centre near Oswestry will be calling in extra people to help monitor the telephone network when the BBC's Children in Need charity fundraiser is aired on television.

About five extra staff will be on duty to keep an eye on the phone lines and communication networks when the show goes out on Friday night.

The Oswestry centre employs people from around Shropshire and is the eyes and ears of the UK's and international communications networks. It ensures the smooth running of phone lines and communication networks 24-hours-a-day.

This will help people in Children in Need answering centres across the country talk to as many people as possible.

Staff also monitor the network for other shows such as the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing.

Hotel will host a wedding fayre

PROSPECTIVE brides and grooms will be heading to the Royal Oak Hotel, in Welshpool, for a wedding fayre on November 25.

The hotel is staging the event to showcase its facilities and exhibitors will include Wedding Belles at Laura's, Splash Photography, Laburnum House, Lily & Lace and Touch of Class Wedding Cars. For details contact the hotel on 01938-552217 or visit www.royaloakhotel.info

Christmas fair

MONTGOMERY Voice for Animals holds its annual Cruelty-free Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 24, from 10am to 1pm at the Methodist Hall in Welshpool with a variety of stalls.

All smiles as star swimmer Ellie unveils new look pool

by Sue Austin

PARALYMPIC double gold medallist Ellie Simmonds has officially opened a refurbished swimming pool at Oswestry School.

Miss Simmonds visited the school for the unveiling ceremony on Monday and didn't stop smiling as she had her photograph taken with students and signed autographs.

And she told the 300 students at the school of the importance of learning to swim – regardless of whether or not they intend to do so competitively.

The 18-year-old, who celebrated her landmark birthday over the weekend with a surprise party in the West Midlands, spent Monday morning at the school, where her 16-year-old cousin Zain Rajput is a student.



Miss Simmonds shows her medals to pupils.



Miss Simmonds is pictured talking to pupils.



The plaque unveiled by Ellie Simmonds MBE.

She also took part in a question and answer session with the whole school – and gave teachers a mini-headache when she offered to let the 300 plus pupils touch her two gold medals and the Paralympic torch that she was given after extinguishing the flame at the end of the London 2012 Games.

Miss Simmonds set two world records and won two gold medals, a silver and a bronze during a hugely successful London 2012 Paralympics.

Encourage

She said: "The legacy that the Olympics and Paralympics has given to this country is so important. We must grasp the chance to encourage people to take part in sport."

And she revealed that she was loving the experiences that being a gold medallist was giving her.

"It's been great," she said. "I went to the James Bond premiere, took part in A Question of Sport and have done so many other things."

"Going to the Great North Run was a brilliant day and I am also really enjoying visiting schools and talking the pupils.

Training will start properly again after Christmas, for the world championships in Canada next year. I hope I can keep swimming for at least two more Paralympics and I am looking forward to Rio – I think it will be one big party."



Double gold swimming Paralympian medal winner 18-year-old Ellie Simmonds MBE, who officially opened the new swimming pool at Oswestry School in Oswestry, seen here with her cousin Zain Rajput, 16, who is pupil at Oswestry School and Bernie Tudhope, who is the school's swimming coach. Pictures: Simon Williams.

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NEWS

Tributes to the fallen



Standard bearers lead the parade of servicemen through Welshpool. Pictures by Tim Mitchell (Oswestry) and Nicola Davies (Welshpool)



Oswestry mayor Councillor Martin Bennett, Councillor David Lloyd, speaker of Shropshire Council, Owen Paterson, North Shropshire MP and Environment Secretary, and his wife Rose during the Oswestry parade on Sunday.

THE people of the Oswestry and Welshpool areas turned out in their hundreds to remember those who lost their lives in almost a century of conflict on Sunday.

As the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month arrived, the areas fell silent.

From the former servicemen of World War Two to those

by Graham Breeze

currently serving in the forces, many were remembering friends who died, whether on the beaches of Dunkirk or in Afghanistan.

With Remembrance Sunday and Armistice day coinciding, churches were full as prayers for peace were said.

There was a forces' contingent at the parade in Welshpool.

Members of the Parachute Regiment were among about 400 people who made their way from the Town Hall to the parish church.

Robert Robinson, clerk of Welshpool Town Council which organised the parade, said it was led by Newtown Youth Band and included veterans and youth organisations.

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on Remembrance Day



Wreaths at the Cae Glas Gates in Oswestry.

Welsh Assembly member Russell George was also at the commemorations and Mr Robinson said about 25 wreaths were laid at the war memorial.

Environment Secretary and North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson and his wife, Rose, were among about 1,000 people who marked the day in Oswestry.

So many wreaths were laid at the town's war memorial,



Former and current servicemen in Welshpool.



Civic leaders at the head of Oswestry's parade.

at the Cae Glas Gates, there was no room on the gates for them all and some had to be placed on the pavement.

Silence

Mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Martin Bennett, said the parade, led by the Porthwaen Silver Band, went from the Guildhall to St Oswald's Parish Church, stopping at the park gates for the two-minute silence.



Taking the salute at the parade in Oswestry.

He said: "There must have been 1,000 people in the parade or lining the streets."

Civic dignitaries included speaker of Shropshire Council, Councillor David Lloyd, and council leader Keith Barrow.

In a speech at the Guildhall, the mayor told the young people they had an obligation not only to remember those who gave their lives but also to work for peace and justice.

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NEWS**NEWS****in brief**

Vans stolen from industrial estate

THIEVES stole three Ford Transit vans after breaking into two businesses on an industrial estate near Oswestry.

The burglaries at Castell Howell Foods and CPR Shop Fitting on the Gledrid estate happened overnight on Saturday.

A white Ford Transit and an industrial pressure washer were stolen from the warehouse of Castell Howell Foods. The vehicle was later recovered in Birkenhead.

A white Ford Transit, BG08 LY0, and a blue/grey Ford Transit, CX11 WSY, were taken from CPR Shop Fitting.

Ironworks to host a trad jazz event

JAZZ music will be played at a venue in Oswestry.

The Chicago Club will be holding its Trad Jazz Club event at The Ironworks, in Church Street, on Sunday.

There will be music of New Orleans and Chicago, Louis Armstrong, Kenny Ball, Acker Bilk.

Everyone is welcome to the event from 12.20pm until 2.30pm.

Carol service

ALL Saints Church in Trefonen, near Oswestry, will host a family carol service on December 2. The service, which will start at 10.45am, will include the donation of gifts to a women's refuge.

Battle to convert ex-corner shop into a chippie is won

A BUSINESSMAN has won his long running battle to turn his former corner shop in Oswestry into a chip shop.

The bid by Howard Martin for his premises in Lloyd Street had divided opinion in the area, attracting dozens of objections and dozens of letters of support.

Shropshire Councillors rejected the plans in May but a planning inspector has backed Mr Martin's appeal against the decision.

Mr Martin said he was delighted to have won the battle.

He said: "It is fantastic to have it at long last. It took months and I still think the objections were nonsense and the council decision was wrong."

"The inspector agreed and this means we can now get on and open the new business."

"It is being refurbished and that will take six weeks and we are hoping to be up and running in the new year."

"It will create jobs, probably two or three part time jobs, which has got to be a good thing for Oswestry."

Revving

Shropshire Council planning officers recommended approval for the bid but councillors rejected the plan, raising concerns about potential smells, noise and increased anti-social behaviour as well as the potential disturbance to residents because a bin storage area opened on to the pavement.

But planning inspector Paul Crysell said: "I accept the use is likely to result in some noise and disturbance, particularly through the revving of engines and slamming of doors by customers arriving by car."

"Nevertheless, I do not consider this would be very different from the activities associated with the previous retail use or would generate significantly more litter or traffic, while customers are more likely to use the takeaway in the evening when additional on-street parking is available."

"A takeaway outlet is a common feature in residential areas and the council's highways section accepts that many of its potential customers would be able to walk to the site."

by **Graham Breeze**

Festive theme at workshops

COLEG Powys has announced a series of Saturday Workshops on November 24, with one being held in Welshpool.

There is an opportunity for anyone to learn new skills and interests in a fun environment, with topics ranging from cookery to flower arranging, and jewellery making to willow garden features.

There are also plenty of seasonal and Christmas craft workshops for inspirational presents and decoration ideas.

Workshops available at Coleg Powys Newtown are; Christmas crafts; jewellery making; willow garden features; chocolate and flower arranging for Christmas. Sugar-craft – making your very own arrangement for Christmas – runs at the Catholic Church, Welshpool.

All workshops will take place from 9.30am-3.30pm, with most costing £15. Contact Coleg Powys on 0845 4086299.

Safety is the key for campaign



Borderland Rotary Club members – vice president Merrick Corfield, left, and president Michael Tomley.

A VOLUNTEER army in Oswestry wants to help the elderly and vulnerable with its latest safety campaign.

Members of Osyteers are ready and willing to fit safes, which contain house keys, free of charge onto the front of people's homes.

The units, called a Master Key Safe, have a unique code so if the resident becomes ill they can give it to an ambulance crew so they can get in to help them.

Mike Lade, of Osyteers and a first responder, said getting into homes was sometimes a hurdle for crews, especially if the ill person was on the floor or could not move. "This is where an external key safe is so important," he said.

Osyteers has joined forces with the Borderland Rotary Club to fit the Master Key Safes for the cost price of £16. And Michael McHale of Oswestry Cobblers, in 18 Bailey Street, will give a discount on any key cutting connected with this scheme.

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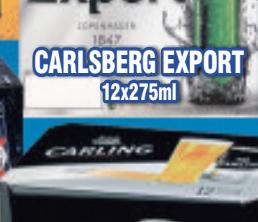
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Award for council's hot meals scheme

A PARISH council in Shropshire has won an award for its voluntary community meals scheme.

Members of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council were invited to launch the service in July last year in response to concerns for the area's elderly.

It has been carried out by volunteers in the area and since it started, more than 1,000 meals have been served to residents.

Shropshire Association of Local Councils, SALC, has now given the parish near Oswestry the Jan Snell award. This is annually given to the council which goes above and beyond its normal call of duty.

Penny O'Hagan, parish council, said: "It is important to state that while the parish council runs it administratively, it really is the volunteers and the work that they do. The parish council couldn't have done it without the volunteers."

The service includes a hot meal and a sweet, and is delivered on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for £4 a meal.

Meals are delivered to residents living in Selattyn, Gobowen and Whittington.

To become a volunteer with the project call Penny O'Hagan on (01691) 682682.

Weston Rhyn Parish Council is now looking into the idea for its parish.

NEWS

New look for event in aid of hospice

HUNDREDS of runners are expected to sprint through the streets of Oswestry in a festive fundraiser for Shropshire's children's hospice next month.

And this year bosses at Hope House Hospice are giving the event a bit of tweak with a new name and a new theme.

Known in the past as the Santa Run, it will now be known as the Festive Fun Run and runners won't be restricted to wearing just Santa costumes.

Sarah Elms, from the hospice, said: "People can wear whatever costumes they like with a festive theme and the wackier the better."

She added: "I would encourage people to sign up as quickly as they can to make sure they get a place."

The event is in its seventh year and last year 250 people took part.

That was only a quarter of the 1,000 who joined the first Oswestry Santa run in 2006 and organisers are hoping the fresh theme will encourage more to take part.

Organisers have also decided to cut the entry price from £12.50 to £5. The event will take place on December 9 at 11 am.

The event raises cash for Hope House Children's Hospice, based in Morda.

For more information call (01691) 671671 or visit www.hopehouse.org.uk

Old leisure centre site has become fly-tipping 'haven'

THE site of a former leisure centre in Shropshire has become a haven for fly-tippers, it has been claimed.

People are dumping waste and bin bags at the old sports centre based in College Road, Oswestry, according to the town's mayor.

The building was put up for sale after Shropshire Council opened a new £10 million centre in Shrewsbury Road in October last year.

Councillor Martin Bennett said he has received complaints of fly-tipping in the area and reports of nearby fencing being ripped down. He said it had been a problem for a while and said he had contacted Shropshire Council which has, he said, agreed to try and get the area tidied up.

"The site of the old Oswestry Leisure Centre is in private ownership and Shropshire Council will be issuing a service notice to the company to clear the site," Councillor Bennett said.

"If this is not actioned we will clear up the site up ourselves and recharge the cost to the new landowner at no cost to our taxpayer."

Endeavour

"We are using every endeavour to ensure the new owners keep the site in a reasonable condition."

But Ken Anderson, speaking on behalf of the building owners, today said they had since instructed a company to clear up the mess. Walford and North Shropshire College is close to the site and its principal Andrew Tyley said he was keen to see the fly-tipping problem nipped in the bud.

"The site has been vacant for a while and there has been one or two incidents there," he said. "There has been a bit of fly-tipping to the back of the site and before it becomes a regular occurrence we are keen to knock it on the head pretty quickly."

He said there were no problems on the college grounds as caretakers were vigilant.

Councillor Bennett said he was interested to see what the plans were for the site now it had been sold.



Rubbish behind the Leisure Centre in Oswestry.

Paterson leads bid to boost beef trade

NORTH Shropshire MP and environment secretary Owen Paterson was leading a delegation to Hong Kong this week in a bid to boost British beef exports.

It comes as work continues towards the normalisation of trade with the UK.

Centrepiece of the trade trip will be a reception at the Hong Kong Jockey Club to celebrate a historic agreement allowing greater meat trade between the nations.

And it will be used to showcase British beef to potential importers.

"This reception is an acknowledgement of the level of co-operation we have received from the Hong Kong authorities, the first destination in the Far East to make such a move," said Peter Hardwick, head of trade development with EBLEX.

"It is also about connecting potential importers with our industry and showcasing the quality beef we produce. Our ultimate aim is the normalisation of the beef trade between Britain and Hong Kong and this is an important step."

The Secretary of State leading the delegation is an indicator of how much we value the support we have had from the Hong Kong authorities and the importance we attribute to this market."

Festive fun at charity shop

BOSSSES at an Oswestry charity shop are promising plenty of festive fun at its Christmas extravaganza this year.

Salvation Army Trading Company's charity shop on Church Street is holding the festive event from 9am on November 22.

Staff are inviting shoppers to be among the first to snap up the best of the festive bargains. Manager Jane Williams said: "We've been putting aside donations all year for our Christmas extravaganza and it will be the first time these items have been on display in-store, so regular shoppers and new customers will all be in for a treat."

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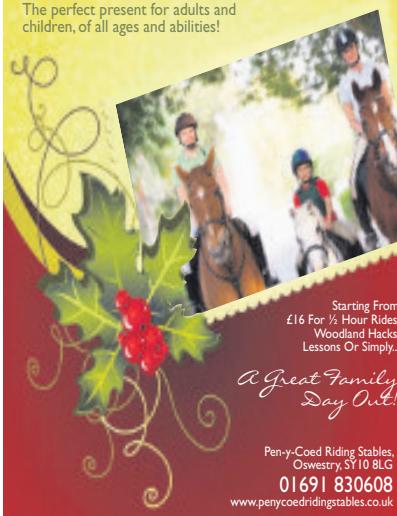
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COMMENT

Court's decision over cleric really defies belief

SO the lunatics really are running the asylum in the United Kingdom.

How else can you explain the actions of the Special Immigration Appeals Committee in freeing Muslim cleric Abu Qatada on bail on Tuesday. He was released from Long Lartin prison, in Worcestershire after spending most of the last 10 years in custody.

He is under worldwide embargo by the United Nations Security Council for his alleged affiliation with al-Qaeda. Repeatedly imprisoned in Britain since he was first detained under anti-terrorism laws in 2002, he has not been prosecuted here for any criminal or conspiracy offences.

The Algerian government has described Abu Qatada as being involved with Islamists in London and possibly elsewhere. After initially barring the United Kingdom from deporting Abu Qatada to Jordan, in May the European Court of Human Rights ruled

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

with Graham Breeze

that he could be deported on the basis of assurances from Jordan that he will not be tortured.

They ruled the cleric – whose real name is Omar Othman – would not face ill-treatment if returned to Jordan, citing assurances outlined in a UK-Jordan agreement.

Now, despite the UK obtaining additional assurances from Jordan, Mr Justice Mitting and his Special Immigration Appeals Committee ruled they were not satisfied Abu Qatada would be tried fairly.

The committee approved his appeal

against deportation after deciding witness evidence obtained by torture might be used at trial in Jordan where he faces terrorism charges. Is there another country on this planet willing to let this man live in freedom? I think not.

Millions of pounds of taxpayers' money is being spent ensuring Abu Qatada is well fed and watered despite demands for his presence in a Jordanian courtroom.

Why are we protecting a man suspected of being involved in so much suffering to innocent people? Let the Jordanians deal with him and get him out of this country.

WHO ON earth decided that BBC Director General Gordon Entwistle should receive a £425,000 pay-off?

Why should a man who had only been in position for 52 days receive such an obscene pay out for overseeing the biggest catastrophe in the history of the once-proud corporation?

I was working in North Wales at the time the Bryn Estyn scandal came to light and as a newspaper editor had to make brave decisions about what to publish and just who to believe. Many of the names and faces coming out of the woodwork today are the same ones who were prominent so long ago.

It doesn't matter whether they were telling the truth then or whether they are now it is a journalist's duty not to publish any unsubstantiated allegations and to protect those who are innocent until proven otherwise. The BBC failed on all accounts and Mr Entwistle is ultimately responsible.

So why then has he walked away with a massive bag of licence payers' money?

WHAT cheered me up this week was the brilliant idea by Oswestry Civic Society to provide stunning gateways at the three entrances to the town off the bypass. Although it may be a couple of years away there is no doubt it's a wonderful idea.

County MP pays a visit to leading poultry business

by Graham Breeze

WHILE sport enthusiasts probably know the Brisbourne family from Nesscliffe for their prowess in horse racing, the family is also leading the field in the poultry industry.

Their farming work was recognised last Friday when Shrewsbury MP Daniel Kawczynski took a look around their business at Broomhill Farm.

The family has farmed for more than 80 years and their poultry business has thrived in recent years.

Farmer William Brisbourne has been producing geese since leaving school in 1979, with numbers steadily increasing to the present day of 1,600.

The farm also produces just over 1,000 traditional bronze turkeys for Christmas.

Mr Brisbourne said: "We pride ourselves on our poultry having a good life while on our farm.

Pastures

"They are reared on the farm from day-olds.

"They are housed at night in large open plan barns with plenty of fresh air and natural light, with daily access to grass pastures.

"All our poultry is reared and processed on farm at Nesscliffe.

"Our birds are all free range and farm fresh."

Mr Brisbourne said this year's Christmas rush would be another busy time and about a dozen staff would be taken on to help out.

He said: "We currently supply over 60 butchers and 20 farm shops.

"Most of our farmgate customers collect their birds on December 22 and 23."

Mr Brisbourne added: "It can be madly busy on the 23rd but it is always the reward for hard work, with many of the faces we see being customers who have been coming to Broomhill Farm to collect their geese for



William Brisbourne and MP Daniel Kawczynski.



Mr Brisbourne and Mr Kawczynski with the geese.

many years, indeed now the next generation too in many cases."

The farm is a major part of the family's business at Nesscliffe and another part is the successful horse racing stables run by Mr Brisbourne's brothers Mark and

Antony. Mr Brisbourne said: "The business as a whole is a real family business."

Mr Kawczynski said he was delighted to be able to visit the successful business.

He said: "I was delighted to hear about this thriving business within my constituency

and very much wanted to visit and show my support to Mr Brisbourne.

"I have been very impressed with the high welfare standards adopted and pleased to have had the opportunity to see farming practices at its best."

I DO NOT KNOW WHO KNOCKED ME DOWN?

Q: I am a young Muslim man, the only Muslim in my place of work. I do my job well and I get on with other colleagues in my office. I am however getting increasingly upset about comments made to me regularly by my supervisor that relate to my religion. I find these comments both offensive and inappropriate. I also feel that I am missing out on promotions and I cannot help wondering whether this may also have something to do with my religion. Is there anything that I can do?

A: Under the Equality Act it is prohibited to discriminate against someone based upon certain protected characteristics. These protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, sex, sexual orientation and religion and belief. This latter characteristic of religion and belief is the one which will apply in your case.

In the first instance you should raise a grievance with your employer regarding the treatment you have received from your supervisor. If this is unsuccessful or does not provide a satisfactory outcome you may then wish to bring an Employment Tribunal Claim.

There is however a time limit of three months for doing this, starting from the date the discriminatory act took place (e.g. failure to be given a promotion). However, if the discrimination extends over a period of time the three month time limit begins with the end of that period.

There is also a formal procedure for gathering evidence. You would need to send a standard form, containing questions you want to ask, to your employer and the individuals you want to complain about. The tribunal can award compensation if it upholds your complaint. It would be in your best interests to seek legal advice from an employment specialist as early as possible.

Further information relating to this question is available from Nicholas Kennan, a Solicitor Advocate with GHP Legal. For information relating to any other legal matter please call GHP Legal on 01691 659194, visit www.ghplegal.co.uk or attend one of our FREE legal diagnostic clinics every Wednesday 12-3pm (no appointment necessary). GHP Legal holds the Law Society Lexcel Quality Mark Accreditation



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LETTERS & NEWS

The age of political parties is finished

THE age of political parties is over.

They once represented their electorate, but the people no longer matter.

Politicians' only concern now is serving a single totalitarian agenda and ensuring its complete supremacy.

This pretence at democracy is to deceive us until the EU finally abolishes Westminster, when Great Britain's destruction will be complete.

Any party fighting for or promising an EU referendum is a deliberate distraction as no such consultation will ever be permitted.

Do not be fooled.

Immaculate suits and Queen's English do not bring truth or sincerity.

Only the theatre of vanity and damned lies.

But the people have a right to self governance. We need only take it back. We should stop believing the lies, sack the political parties for independent representation that reflects our true wishes and retake control of our country for our purposes, not others'.

It is not difficult. But we should use our will to take back the country that is ours.

REX POULTON
Via e-mail

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I worked for 27 years as a nurse and ward sister and paid taxes before I became seriously ill.

I am grateful for my motability car but I pay £216 per month for it.

Hope this sets the record straight.

PETER & JANE CLIVE
Welshpool

Roundabout a very easy solution

HAVING lived in Maesbury parish for many years, we have suffered the staggered junction with the A483 from its first day in 1986 and remember on the first day open that it suffered the first of dozens, if not hundreds, of non-fatal accidents that have taken place since.

The oft repeated solution to reduce accidents is to have a roundabout at the junction, but the government transport people say there is no money for a roundabout.

But, hang on lads, the staggered road

junction contains a perfectly good roundabout as part of it and a simple change of road markings and signage will bring it into use.

To tidy up this roundabout at the A483 junction with the Maesbury road all the road transport people have to do is to block off the two right turn systems allowing traffic coming along the A483 from north and south to turn into the industrial estate and the road to Maesbury respectively.

Having got rid of these contra-flows

what is then left is - a roundabout - a somewhat elongated one using the long thin centre island but nevertheless a roundabout.

And to bring the roundabout into full use all they then need to do is change the road markings and put up signage to announce the roundabout exists. And that's it - road paint and signs - hardly an expensive road building job.

DAVID AND RUTH CRAGG
Gwernybrin, Nr Oswestry



With the winter fast approaching, here's a timely warning of the perils of snow. It shows a lorry operated by George Hyde & Son of Queens Head having a bit of a contretemps with a snowdrift. The lorry is, says Nigel Walters of St Martins who loaned us this photo, of a Thames Trader dates it some time in the 1970s.

Thanks to shoppers for being so generous

FOLLOWING a successful collection to raise finance for our Oswestry and District Branch of the Shropshire Voluntary Helping Hand Association for disabled 2013 monthly programme, we would like to thank the customers of Sainsbury's, Oswestry, for their generosity.

A total of £356.04 was collected.

We appreciate the help given by the store manager, Steven Tranter and his staff on the day.

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Savile will still face his Judgement Day

BE sure your sins will find you out, but I bet Jimmy Savile must be laughing all the way to the bank because he got away with his and now they can't catch him.

But God's word says that everyone has to die and after that comes the Judgement.

Is Jimmy now facing the fearful wrath of God, 'vengeance is mine' and 'God says I will repay'.

When millions have been spent on investigations and inquiries into Jimmy's crimes a judge will sum up the evidence and pronounce sentence on those who knew about and colluded with his dirty deeds.

Everyone who is truly sorry for their wicked lives and sincerely strives to obey Jesus, will have their sins forgiven.

RON JONES
Oswestry

Tragedy of interfering with badgers

SEVENTY years ago it was quite exciting and a rarity to see a shy badger on a moonlight night, or caught in car headlights crossing the road.

What a tragedy that man's well-intentioned interference has aided the badger's burgeoning overpopulation.

Brock, having exhausted his food supply, has turned to ground-nesting birds' eggs and chicks, farm crops, maize etc. and lambs creep-feed.

On going to bed, our badger friend enters an over-crowded sett, a breeding ground for diseases, TB for example that is infecting farm cattle.

For Brock's sake, let's be mature and reduce the badger population to a level where they can thrive.

GEORGE YOUNG
Pant

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No record of unions stopping industries

THERE is no historical record of unions destroying our manufacturing industries; even the worst unions drew the line at eradicating their own jobs.

History tells us that the problem was cheap labour abroad plus Margaret Thatcher's refusal to provide a government subsidy to these industries at a time when it was clearly needed.

This policy was directly opposite to that of continental Europe who had the same problems but preferred to save their own industries (and buy ours).

They still have industries today and we do not. Did you know that in 1800 William Pitt the Younger made it unlawful for workers to combine to secure wage increases?

Make bogeymen of unions if you wish, but look how this coalition government is dismantling union gains made over many years - flexitime, maternity leave, etc. There is no really powerful union opposition anymore.

Remember which section of our society thought it right for women and children to work down coal mines and up chimneys?

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WELSHPOOL**Literary festival planned for town**

WELSHPOOL could have its own literary festival next year.

Alan Crowe hopes that such an event would put Welshpool on the map.

He said: "I've been toying with idea of a literary festival for the last few years and I think it would be good for Welshpool."

He said there had already been interest from the Welshpool Writers Group and a number of venues around the town.

The idea will be going to a committee of interested people who will decide whether to push ahead with the event.

If it does get the green light, the literary festival would be held in 2013 although no dates have been decided on.

Mr Crowe was holding a meeting at the Welshpool Library at 6.30pm on Monday.

For more information contact him on 07782 166342 or e-mail alan60s@live.com

Roadshow tour

THE Alzheimer's Society Dementia Community Roadshow will soon be arriving in Welshpool as part of a tour of Wales. The vehicle, funded by Tesco, will be at Welshpool Tesco, Smithfield Road, on November 16 between 10am and 4pm.

School shows improvement after criticism

A WELSHPOOL primary school is moving forward after being criticised by an Estyn inspectors' report last year.

Gungrog Church in Wales Nursery & Infant School is no longer being monitored by Estyn after months of hard work to get the school back on track.

"The school was revisited by Estyn in May 2012 and following extensive hard work by the whole school community, the need for Estyn monitoring was removed," said head teacher Jan Toms. "The inspectors stated that strategies put in place to improve writing standards were having a positive impact."

"Pupils' mathematical skills are developing well and most pupils can apply them effectively across all areas of learning," it added.

And there was also praise for the new head teacher who took over in September 2011.

The inspector commented that: "Since taking up her appointment in September 2011, the head teacher has moved quickly to establish a clear direction for the school."

"She has worked effectively to establish a good team spirit amongst staff and governors, which has resulted in creating a shared vision for the way forward."

A recent initiative undertaken by the eco committee and the school council, led by class teachers Mrs Claire Humphreys and Mrs Lynsey Mills, has seen the creation of an outdoor classroom.

The eco committee put together a proposal and was awarded an HSBC grant of £1,500.

The grant was used to develop the classroom, which is used for storytelling.

Council calls for bus shelter

WELSHPOOL Town Council is supporting calls for a bus shelter near Gungrog Road School.

And in a bonus for the town's taxpayers, they won't have to pay for a new one, only cover the costs to transfer a redundant bus shelter from Acorn Rise.

Gungrog Road is on a bus route but does not have a bus shelter, despite its busy infant school. And councillors agreed to the move which will cost about £1,500.

"It was a case of using common sense as Acorn Rise is not on the bus route," said a council spokesperson.

The switch is expected to happen soon.



Gungrog School in Welshpool was awarded a grant of £1,500 by HSBC. Funds have been used for an outdoor classroom. Having a great time outside are Harry Bonsall, Joel Haynes, Tia Thomas, Paige Whitehouse, Rhian Humphreys, Adi Wilson, Chloe Hilditch, Megan Baines, Ffion Birch, Amber Morris and Amber Pryce.

Training to help people with poor sight

A NATIONAL charity is offering people affected by sight degeneration in Welshpool the chance to learn skills that can help maintain their independence.

Age-related macular degeneration affects the central vision and is the most common cause of sight loss in the UK, according to the Macular Disease Society. They say there are many other macular conditions, including juvenile macular dystrophies.

Those affected by macular degeneration can find every day tasks such as cooking, walking, reading, watching television and even recognising the faces of others very difficult if not impossible.

The society now has volunteer trainers available to teach eccentric-viewing and steady-eye techniques which help people to make the best use of their vision.

The practical skills are taught on a one-to-one basis, free of charge, and can help people to make better use of their remaining peripheral vision.

Volunteer Margaret Pearse said: "I'm really excited to be able to offer eccentric-viewing and steady-eye training. Having macular disease myself, I know how these techniques can have a positive impact and make life easier."

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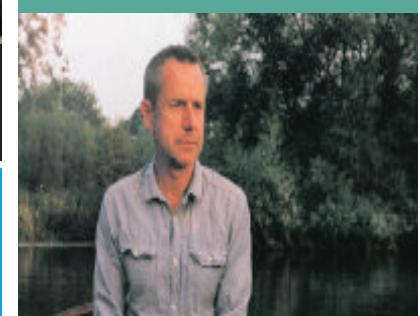
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Cancer survivor's thanks to charity



John Evans, back left, with Aurora Kenny, trustee of the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund and Alun Gape, president of Welshpool Rugby Club. In front John's grandchildren Freddie Murton-Jones, six and Henry Murton-Jones, four, and Steve Pastfield.

by Graham Breeze

A WELSHPOOL man who beat cancer has raised more than £2,500 for charity after organising a sponsored walk and bike ride.

John Evans, 65, from Welshpool, was diagnosed with cancer of the oesophagus two years ago. But having beat the disease he led a team of walkers to Rodney's Pillar on the summit of the Breidden Hills in September, raising £2,681. An 11-mile cycle ride from the top was also held.

The money will be split between the Lingen Davies Cancer Centre at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Welshpool Rugby Club, where Mr Evans – known as 'Gunner' because of his days in the Royal Artillery – was a member for many years.

Mr Evans said £1,787 would be given to the Lingen Davies Centre, while £890 would go to the rugby club.

Cough

He said: "I was diagnosed with cancer of the oesophagus on July 8, 2010, and began a radical course of chemo and radiotherapy on August 29 that year, which was my birthday.

"As a result of early diagnosis by a doctor at the Welshpool Health Centre and the excellent care provided at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital I am still here to tell the tale."

Mr Evans said he developed a cough while on holiday and returned home to bad news.

He said: "I was feeling fine, I just developed a cough while I was away on holiday. I got in touch with the doctor for some antibiotics and when that did not work the doctor asked me questions, booked me in for tests and then I got the call saying I was to go in for treatment on my birthday. It's just something that you have to deal with."

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WELSHPOOL**NEWS**
in brief**Lecture date for fine arts society**

THE North Powys Decorative and Fine Arts Society will meet next Thursday at 7.30pm in the Powis Suite of The Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool.

Nirvana Romell will give a talk entitled 'Lost in rules - how Rubens, Velazquez and Holbein changed their style to suit the Courts'.

Dr Romell regularly presents art history courses and lectures at the Manchester Art Gallery and the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool.

She also organises and presents tours of permanent and temporary exhibitions across the UK.

Railway support group's meeting

THE local support group of the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway will be holding the second meeting of the 2012-2013 season on Monday at 7.30pm at the Corn Exchange at Welshpool Town Hall and admission is £2.

Tom Brady will give a talk on the automatic number plate recognition system used by police.

Business forum

THE next meeting of Welshpool Projects Business Forum is Monday at the Town Hall and not, as stated in last week's Chronicle, on March 18. On the agenda are free parking, the town plan, Mary Portas Report, town website and Shop Watch.

Canal's gates are installed

TWO replacement gates weighing 3.6 tonnes each have been lowered into place at Welshpool's Grade II-listed canal lock.

Hand-crafted from oak, the gates have been installed as part of a £50 million scheme to replace 104 gates along 2,000 miles of British waterways.

The Canal and River Trust, which is carrying out the work, said the work in Welshpool was costing £38,000.

The 'historically significant' lock dates from the 1790s, while the gates are replacing a pair from 1973.

The Canal and River Trust charity took over responsibility for canals and rivers in England and Wales from British Waterways in July.

It said the lock in Welshpool was at the heart of the town and replacing the gates was part of some essential maintenance.

Vince Moran, the trust's operations director, said: "Repairing, maintaining and caring for the canal and river infrastructure underpins the cause of the trust."

"We spend around £50m every winter on lock gate repairs and replacements, brick work repairs to lock chambers as well as embankment maintenance, essential works on reservoirs and many other activities."

"We have 25,000 different assets that we maintain and care for every year, which involves a wide range of expertise across many disciplines including civil engineering, operational specialists, heritage experts, environmental specialists and water management."

Eddie Quinn, framework manager for the Canal & River Trust at the sponsors May Gurney said: "We are incredibly proud to play our part in the Trust's essential work to preserve the canals and rivers of England and Wales. Few people realise that many canal locks, buildings and structures are listed monuments and that the waterway network is one of the finest living references to Britain's industrial revolution."

"Repairing and maintaining these water-

ways is a painstaking task, which requires traditional materials and methods to be used to preserve this vital part of our heritage. However, they've become more than just a historical monument; they're now widely recognised for being crucial for wildlife and are a well-loved leisure resource for millions of people every year."

Lock gate making and fitting is an extremely skilled and traditional trade and one that remains essential to the waterways. Lock gates are constructed with tremendous strength as they have to control huge water pressures, take the hard usage they get from the thousands of boats which use them each year and survive for a long time underwater and at the mercy of the elements. In order to be waterproof they also need to be built very precisely, fitting tightly to the masonry of the lock walls and to each other.

Tours are being held at Welshpool Lock on the Montgomery Canal on Saturday between 10am-4pm (last entry strictly 3:15pm; site closes 3:45pm). No pre-booking is required.

Parking is available at the Morrisons pay and display car park next to the lock.

Neighbouring Powysland Museum will be open, with experts giving talks about the heritage of the local canal network.



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Christmas food and craft fair is staged

A CHRISTMAS Food and Craft Fair will be held in Welshpool this weekend.

The event will be held at Coed-y-Dinas, just off the A483, on Saturday and Sunday and will be the third food festival it has held, with 52 stalls of local food, drink and original crafts to see.

Hayley Arthur, event spokeswoman, said: "The finest food and craft in the area will be showcased at the two day event."

"To name just a few you will find Vale Studios, Sew Very Pretty, Blaemoon Jewellery, The Woodspirit Workshop, Doodle Bakes, Monty's Brewery, Clun Valley Foods, Sarah Buntions Luxury Chocolates, Chirk Trout Farm, Dragon Chillies and Merlin Cheeses."

"There is also basket weaving and Christmas card making demonstrations, kid's entertainment and on Saturday there is live music from Porthywaen Silver Band."

"The quality of local food in the area and the talent of local crafts people is outstanding. It is important to us to not only offer visitors to Coed-y-Dinas something a little bit different but to support local producers in raising awareness of their products."

The festival will take place in the fully covered outdoor plants department and has free entry.

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Applicants asked to attend by council

COUNCILLORS have asked a Shopmobility group to back up their request for £5,000 with a personal presentation.

Oswestry Community Action is seeking the money through Oswestry Town Council's large grant scheme.

Scheme spokesman Liz Hindmarch said in the group's application: "We provide accessible community transport services to those members of the public marginalised through age, health, disability or isolation to enable them to fully participate in society."

"In addition we also provide a Shopmobility service which allows these individuals to maintain full and independent lives and give them a complete service."

"The increased signage around the town has increased the number of hires for people visiting the town, as well as residents."

"Wheelchair hires have increased by 25 per cent on last year's figures."

"We are looking for funding to help us with the running costs of the Shopmobility service to include additional investment in new equipment, increased publicity and staff wage costs."

Town councillors discussed the request on Monday and decided to ask the group to attend a meeting.

School makes appeal ahead of Christmas market event

THE finishing touches are being made for a Shropshire secondary school's Christmas market, which has been entirely organised by the pupils.

Proceeds from the Marches School's fundraiser in Oswestry will go to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Organisers are urging businesses and residents to support the event by booking stalls. School spokeswoman Amy Gregory said: "Organised by the school's Student Leadership Group, the event will take place on November 24, in the school hall between 10.30am to 3.30pm and is open to all."

"Students are currently in the process of putting the finishing touches to their plans for the market, which will involve lots of festive treats and delights."

"The school is looking for local people and businesses to support the event by booking stalls to sell their products."

"There will be a small fee of £10 to set up a stall and all money raised by the school, from the event, will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital, a charity selected by the Student Leadership Group, following consultation with fellow students."

Claire Cass, assistant key stage four leader at The Marches, said: "Last year's market was fabulous, with an array of stalls including hair and beauty demonstrations, cakes, Christmas cards, jewellery, arts and crafts even the school's Young Enterprise Group had a stall to sell their products to the public."

"The event really helps to bring on the festive spirit and gets everyone in the mood for Christmas. "We are thoroughly looking forward to this year's event and urge anyone wishing to book a stand to get in touch as soon as possible."

Call (01691) 664400 to book a stall space at the event.

The organisers of the Christmas market are also appealing to people to donate any unwanted Christmas decorations in order to give the school hall a festive feel.

by Graham Breeze

Matinee show tickets on sale

TICKETS have gone on sale for the next in a series of afternoon matinee concerts at Welshpool Town Hall.

Christmas with The Siren Sisters is a 40s nostalgia show which will take place on December 21 at 2pm, with doors opening at 1.30pm.

Tickets are £6 each with concessions at £4 and they can be bought in advance from: Welshpool Jewellers, Flaunt It in Cumberland Place and the Tourist Information Centre, Mile End, Oswestry.

Styled on the Andrews Sisters, the Siren Sisters will perform Christmas songs as well as popular singalong songs from the war era.

Monies raised will go towards the senior citizens New Year party to be held in January.

For more details visit www.whatson-welshpool.blogspot.com

New mural at health village



Mary Evans signing her work.

A COLOURFUL mural has been painted onto two walls of the new Minor Injuries Unit in Oswestry's health village to brighten up youngsters' visits.

The day the circus came to town tells the true tale of when a circus train arrived at the town's railway station in the 1950s and, led by an elephant, paraded through the town.

The minor injuries unit opened this month, the latest major service brought into

the multi-million pound health centre in the former Cambrian Railways buildings, off the Gobowen Road. Now the children's room has a bright new mural thanks to £100 from Borderland Rotary Club and the skills of artist Mary Evans.

The unit is open 8.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 8.30am to 1pm on Saturdays and Sundays with the x-ray services between 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday.

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Dog owners face fines over mess

DOG owners in the Welshpool area face fines if they let their pets foul on public land.

Powys County Council said it had started handing out £75 fixed penalty notices to dog owners who failed to dispose of mess appropriately.

Now residents are being urged to report anyone they see letting dogs foul without clearing it up so the crackdown can get into full swing.

To report a dog fouling incident or advise the council of a problem e-mail tls.helpdesk@powys.gov.uk or call 0845 602 7035.

Meeting for U3A group members

THE next meeting of Welshpool & District University of the Third Age is on December 4.

The meeting will be held at Church House, Church Street, with doors opening at 9.45am for a 10.30am start.

At its latest meeting, members received a talk on butterflies by Dr Simon Spencer.

Visit www.welshpoolanddistrictu3a.org.uk or call (01691) 839917.

Kitchen blaze

FIRE crews were called out after a fire broke out in the kitchen of a house in Oswestry. The fire at a property in Epsom Close, was at 6pm on Sunday, was out when crews arrived.

Oswestry Christmas Lights Switch On

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NEWS**Housing firm bid goes to council**

PLANS to change how council housing is run in Shropshire are set to go ahead, it has been announced.

Shropshire Councillors were being advised to agree to the setting up a new company to manage 4,200 properties in the Oswestry and Bridgnorth areas.

The plans for the setting up a company, known as an arms-length management organisation (ALMO), have been attacked by members of the Oswestry Defend Council Housing campaign group who fear it would lead to privatisation of homes.

But council chiefs say a consultation process with tenants found support for the idea.

Just over 14 per cent of tenants responded to the consultation, with 49 per cent of these in favour of setting up a new organisation, and 25 per cent not in favour.

Shropshire Council has stressed that the homes will still remain in its ownership.

The ALMO would be run by a management board made up of tenants, councillors, volunteers and housing staff, and will come into being in April if councillors give their approval.

A report will be considered by cabinet on Wednesday, and if councillors give their approval a further report will go to full council later in the year.

Call for roundabout to stop danger junction speedsters

A LEADING safety campaigner has called for a roundabout to be built at a notorious road junction near Oswestry rather than just a reduction in the speed limit.

Four weeks of work was due to start on November 19 but has now been delayed until November 26 at the A483 Maesbury Road junction by contractors working for the Highways Agency as part of a project to cut speed from 60mph to 50mph.

But Councillor Dilys Gaskell, chairman of Pant and Llanymynech Parish Council, said the 'real answer' to preventing collisions at the junction would be for a roundabout to be installed.

She said: "If you think about all the money that has been spent there over the years after every fatal crash or serious injury collision you wonder why they don't just build a roundabout while they are there.

"There is the space, there is the need, there are there anyway – just build a roundabout. Anything that helps reduce crashes is welcome but all we are doing is chipping away at the problem.

"I think there have been seven fatal collisions around there over the years but campaigners are not allowed to say that because every time there is an incident, minor alterations are made, and technically that means the junction has been improved.

"It is still a scary junction and people take risks. We called for a ban on right turns but that has not happened.

"The slowing of the traffic might actually lead to motorists trying to get on the road to take more chances as they try to nip in ahead of the oncoming traffic.

"The real answer has got to be the building of a roundabout."

The work will be carried out between 8.45am and 5pm.

Highways Agency project manager, Helen Jamieson, said: "Once complete, this work will result in improved safety. We will aim to complete the work as quickly as possible to minimise disruption for road users."

by Graham Breeze

Pitch care to be examined

CHANGES in the way Powys County Council manages bowling greens and cricket pitches will be introduced next year if a report is approved by the cabinet.

The move will be considered on December 4 to provide a consistent and fair service across the county. The council currently maintains 10 bowling greens and three cricket pitches in mid and south Powys but none in the north of the county.

Stuart Mackintosh, head of countryside services, said: "There are 30 bowling greens and 17 cricket pitches in Powys but the council is only maintaining a small proportion. It is a situation that is unfair on the majority.

He added: "Clubs affected will be responsible for maintaining their own pitches from next April but the council will provide grant support for three years to help them adjust to the change. We are also proposing to provide training and some equipment to help clubs manage their pitches."

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Penny's a tonic for patients



Pharmacist Joanne McMurray, left, with Penny Jones and her award at the Church Street Pharmacy in Oswestry

THERE'S been a double celebration at Oswestry's Church Street Pharmacy.

Technician Penny Jones has passed an exam in Dispensing Course' meaning that she is now qualified to check prescriptions for accuracy after the pharmacist has performed a pharmaceutical check.

Penny joins her mother Vicki, who already has this qualification, in enabling pharmacists at Church Street Pharmacy to spend more time talking to customers about their medicines and providing several additional services such as Medicine Use Reviews. The Pharmacy is also celebrating the 14th anniversary of being owned by Joanne McMurray.

Joanne said: "The last 14 years have seen many changes in Oswestry and we are proud to remain independent and also at the heart of the community we serve, welcoming patients from all GP surgeries. We would like to thank all our valued customers for their support and help in making Church Street Pharmacy the special place it is."

Roadshow highlights dementia problems

MORE than 2,300 people are estimated to suffer from dementia in Powys but only 821 have been officially diagnosed, it has been claimed.

The Alzheimer's Society claims 2,319 people have dementia in Mid Wales, a figure which it believes will rise to 3,230 by 2021.

The charity is now urging people to come to a dementia roadshow it will be holding in Welshpool on Friday. The event will be held at Tesco car park, Smithfield Road between 10am and 4pm.

The roadshow vehicle, funded by Tesco, is touring Wales throughout November. People who are currently living with dementia, are worried about a friend or relative's memory, or just have questions about the condition are encouraged to drop by with no appointment necessary.

Carol Anne Jones, area manager Wales for the Alzheimer's Society, said: "We are delighted that the Dementia Community Roadshow is back in Wales and we hope as many people as possible will take advantage of this vital free information service."

"The roadshow really is pioneering as it helps us reach out to communities, tackle stigma by raising awareness of the condition and encourage people who are worried about their memory to visit their GP."

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Factory's owner in assurance over jobs

THE owners of a factory which employs 150 people on the Shropshire border say a re-branding of the firm will not lead to job losses.

The ownership of the Cadbury cocoa factory in Chirk near Oswestry changed hands two years ago when the firm was bought by Kraft Foods.

But after a demerger last month, more than 100 snack brands, including Cadbury, Milka, Toblerone and Oreo, now come under the newly created banner of Mondelez International.

Clwyd South Assembly Member Ken Skates called on the firm to outline their plans for the factory.

Mr Skates said: "The Cadbury factory in Chirk must be protected. The takeover by Kraft in 2010 was the source of anxiety and with even more structural change now, there is again uncertainty about what this might mean for plants such as the one in Chirk."

A Mondelez spokesman has given an assurance that despite the name change, the factory workers' jobs were safe.

He said: "There is no restructuring or management change and no change in ownership. The name has changed but the firm's commitment to the factory remains the same as it did before. It will have no effect on Chirk."

Car fans set up their own group in praise of Subarus



From back is Ian Ruscoe from Morda with his Subaru WRX Impreza and Craig Dale from Shrewsbury with his Subaru WRX STI, parked right.



Left to right is Dale Humphreys from Hindford with his Subaru STI Pro Drive and Lawrence Jones from Chirk with his Subaru WRX. Pictures: Simon Williams.

A NEW car owners' club for one of the most recognisable vehicles around has been set up in Oswestry.

by Graham Breeze

Oswestry and Borders Scoobies is the name for the Subaru Impreza owners' club launched by two enthusiasts.

Ian Ruscoe, from Oswestry, and Lawrence Jones from Chirk set up Scoobies after having to travel to Chester to meet other Impreza drivers.

Mr Ruscoe, 43, said: "We have been friends for four years as we share the same interest in the same car."

"We met through going to another club and then found that we had to travel up to Chester for a local Subaru club."

"So we decided to start one up on our own doorstep."

He was at pains to point out that the club

was not for boy racers. Mr Ruscoe said: "We will not tolerate them. We are a group of like minded enthusiasts who love our cars."

"We will be meeting up once a month to go for run outs, car shows and to organise social events."

The club, which already has 35 members, held its first meeting at the weekend with 11 cars and their owners.

He added: "We will meet on the first Sunday of the month at the Jack Mytton Pub in Hindford near Oswestry, 11.30am to 3pm."

Mr Ruscoe has owned Subarus for five years and currently has a blue, WRX, 2 litre turbo.

"It was always a dream of mine to have an Impreza," he said.

Enthusiasm for the Subaru Impreza car had grown since it was first manufactured in 1992 by Subaru.

Subaru is the automobile division of Japanese transportation conglomerate, Fuji Heavy Industries. The Impreza was first built in 1992.

Council is unlikely to revamp sixth forms

POWYS County Council has gone back on its plans to revamp sixth form education in the county.

The U-turn means students in Llanfyllin and Llanfair Caereinion will continue to be able to opt to sit A-levels in English or Welsh.

The council had proposed pupils at Llanfyllin would no longer be able to take Welsh-medium A-level subjects while Caereinion High School would have been Welsh-only from 16.

The news was welcomed by Llanfyllin councillor, Peter Lewis, who said common sense had prevailed. Powys County Council is updating its Welsh in Education Strategic Plan which looks at all aspects of education, from the early years to post-16, and is prioritising two fundamental issues, increasing the number of Welsh-medium pupils in the early years and primary sectors and improving the Welsh-medium curriculum offer for secondary and post-16 pupils.

Councillor Myfanwy Alexander, cabinet member for learning and leisure said: "We want to make sure all learners in Powys have access to the highest-quality provision in Welsh. The move signals a change of direction, with the focus shifting from centralising Welsh-medium education at three specific sixth forms."

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in brief**Tickets for 1940s concert on sale**

TICKETS have gone on sale for the next in a series of afternoon matinee concerts at Welshpool Town Hall.

Christmas with The Siren Sisters is a 1940s nostalgia show which will take place on December 21 at 2pm, with doors opening at 1.30pm.

Tickets are £6 each with concessions at £4 and can be bought in advance from Welshpool Jewellers, Flaut It in Cumberland Place and the Tourist Information Centre, Mile End, Oswestry.

For more details visit www.whatsonwelshpool.blogspot.com

Ramblers forced to cancel walk

A PLANNED walk by the Welshpool Ramblers group on Monday has had to be cancelled.

The 2012 programme will, however, conclude with walks on December 2 and December 16 in the Clun and Mochdre areas respectively.

Ten walkers took part in the group's latest walk on November 4.

Starting from Stokesay Castle car park, walkers completed a six-mile circular route.

Christmas stalls

A CHRISTMAS market will take place at Trefonen Village Hall, near Oswestry, on November 24 from 9.30am until 1.30pm.

Mural group has plans for giving the town a follow-up

THE group behind the painting of a large steam train along a shop wall in Oswestry is planning to create another mural for the town.

Community group Footfall helps to spruce up empty shops in the town and brings art exhibitions to the high street.

It previously worked for two years on the train mural project for the side of the Home Bargains wall, at the bottom of Bailey Street. A large steam train now stretches along the wall celebrating the town's history with the Cambrian Railways.

Footfall member Steve Haworth said today the group wanted to create another, smaller mural on the side wall of the Wilkinson's shop.

Group members have been trying to contact the owner of the wall, in the alleyway of Castle Court on the way to the Cobble Bistro Bar.

There are plans to get artist Anna Roberts, who painted the steam train, to paint a ticket office on the wall.

Early

Steve Haworth, member of Footfall, said: "It is very much in the early stages."

"The wall just happened to have a big window and that would lend to it being a ticket office."

"The train mural cost £3,500. This is a smaller one and we have to wait until we get an estimate about how much it would be but we are hoping it will cost less than £1,000."

Mr Haworth said the group had been spending months preparing for the project because it had to find the owners of the wall to get their permission.

He said: "We have now contacted the artist who did the train mural and asked her to put in a design. When she has done the design we can submit that to the owners. If that gets a yes then we can raise money to do it."

"It is a step forward. We have a long way to go, it takes a lot of time."

"The biggest difficulty is finding out who the owners are."

by **Graham Breeze**

Live manger at festive day out

A MANGER with shepherds and a real donkey will be set up in Oswestry to help traders celebrate their first Christmas festival.

Members of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce have organised the event to take place on December 15 as part of a series of festive activities throughout the month.

One feature of the day-long event will see a live manger, giving shoppers the chance to get their photograph taken with a donkey.

Other activities will include an old fashioned merry-go-round, food stalls, choirs and Father Christmas in his sleigh.

Shops and market stalls will also be invited to enter a Christmas window competition. This will be turned into a Christmas window trail, and each business taking part will be asked to donate a range of prizes.

There will be lantern making workshops at the Cube, on Oswalds Road, ready for a parade at 4pm through Oswestry from the Bailey Head to Festival Square.

Activities celebrate reading at school

YOUNGSTERS at a Shropshire prep school have been enjoying the wonders of literature and raising money for a good cause at the same time.

The youngest children at Packwood Haugh in Ruyton XI-Towns took part in a whole week of activities.

The girls and boys, aged four to seven, are all pupils of Packwood Acorns, the pre-prep department of the school.

Spokeswoman Catherine Hammond said: "During the week they have shared stories in a children's book group called Chatterbooks.

"They have been sponsored to read books to raise lots of money for Readathon, the charity that supports seriously ill children in hospital and at home and they have had the chance to explore and choose books from the mobile library and browse the visiting Usborne book fair.

"In the classroom the children have written stories of their own, designed and made bookmarks and enjoyed visits from parents and from pupils and members of staff from the main school who have read to them.

"The week ended with an amazing fancy dress parade and open assembly, where the children came dressed as a character from their favourite book."

Tractors pull in charity cash



The Penton and McKenna families hand over cheques to representatives from Hope House and MacMillan Cancer Support.

THOUSANDS of pounds has been handed over to charity following a successful two-day tractor pull event in a village in Shropshire.

More than £6,000 was raised from the event in Ruyton XI-Towns, which will be split between MacMillan Cancer Support and Hope House Children's Hospice. It comes after more than 1,000 people descended on the village, near Shrewsbury, over the weekend-long event.

People taking part tried to pull a trailer across a field using tractors such as a Massey

Ferguson 2745 or the Massey Ferguson 1505 during the event, which was held on September 8 and 9.

One of the furthest pulls was completed by 14-year-old Connor McKenna who pulled the tractor 100 metres.

Organiser Angela McKenna said: "We were so pleased. It was just brilliant. I chose Hope House Hospice because I know one of the girls there. We went to the hospice and it was a real eye opener."

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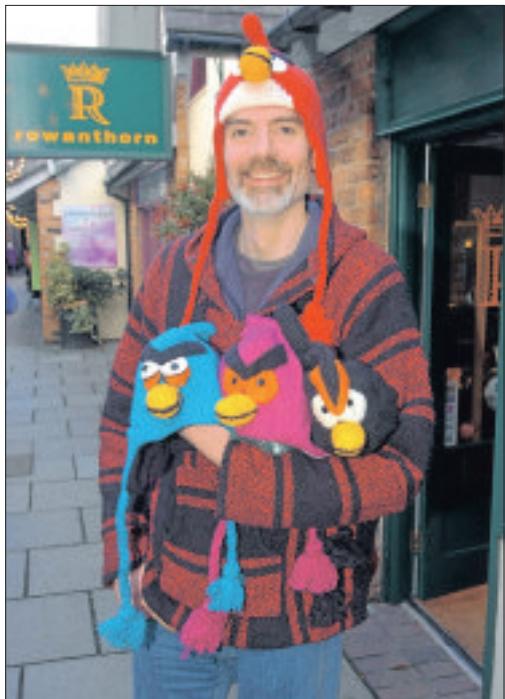
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Rhys Knowles, 42, has been in the business for 30 years and said he has specially designed The Trotting Mare at Knolton for the people of Ellesmere.

He has taken on nine members of staff and invested up to £25,000 in the building on the A528 Ellesmere to Overton-on-Dee road.

Rabbit

The restaurant has space for 36 and offers dishes like rabbit pie and braised oxtail as well as roast mallard on a Sunday.

Mr Knowles said: “The thought process was to give it back to the locals with local produce and local people.

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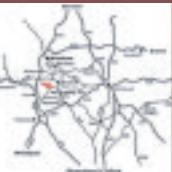
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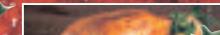
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They have a range of wildlife habitats and specialise in garden furniture and accessories as well as refurbished French-style furniture. Joe and Hannah also have a range of handmade gifts including personalised children's bunting, canvases, box frames, keepsakes and cushions and also offer a made to measure furniture service.

The couple come from a very creative background, Joe having nearly 10 years experience working as a joiner, specialising in restoration work. He has now transferred this experience into creating his own designs in his workshop.

Hannah, having recently graduated with a degree in photography, has developed her creative skill into making sewn gifts for children, accessories for the home and creating a website for Stables Home and Garden.

Don't miss out on their three late night shopping evenings in the lead up to Christmas where you will receive a free glass of mulled wine and a mince pie whilst being able to browse through some lovely hand-crafted Christmas gifts.

These nights will be held on Thursday, November 29 from 6-9pm, Thursday, December 6 from 6-9pm and Thursday, December 13 from 6-9pm



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NEWS**Club aims to extend period of pitch use**

A FOOTBALL club has lodged plans to install floodlights around its pitch.

The bid has been submitted to Shropshire Council by Morda United Football Club for its pitch at Weston Road.

A planning and design statement on behalf of the applicant said: "In order to create community access clubs, we need to be able to offer evening facilities.

"The growth in development activity demands floodlighting to avoid daytime commitments for player safety.

"This proposal would allow matches and training at all levels to be conducted during the hours of darkness.

"It would provide additional opportunities for club, community and youth football."

The statement added that the columns carrying the lights would be 18 metres tall.

Verse contest

A SCHOOL near Oswestry well known for hosting public speaking competitions held its first French Verse Speaking Competition last Friday. Moreton Hall played host to around 100 children for the event.

Hospital wait sparks anger

A WOMAN who broke her wrist after a fall at home has claimed she was forced to wait for more than 14 hours on a trolley at a Shropshire hospital.

Linda Hegarty, 57, broke her right wrist after falling at home in Ruyton-XI-Towns, near Shrewsbury. She said she was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital's accident and emergency unit at 2.30am on October 30 where she waited on a trolley for two hours. At 4.30pm she was moved into a ward for day cases, still on her trolley.

Miss Hegarty said it was only after about 14 hours that she was moved on to a bed in the ward to wait for an operation.

Hospital bosses today apologised and said they were committed to tackling long waiting times.

Miss Hegarty said: "I eventually got an operation on Monday morning after I had been in hospital since 2.30am on Tuesday. I don't expect to stay on a hospital trolley for 14-odd hours. I believe the staff did what they could. They weren't getting help."

She said the wards were full which was why she had to wait in the ward for day cases.

She said it was suggested she go to the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen, near Oswestry, but instead she had to wait for a specialist to come to Shrewsbury to see her.

Graeme Mitchell, associate director of quality & patient experience at the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said: "We regret that at times some of our patients have faced unacceptable waits in our A&E department.

"We would like to sincerely apologise to anyone who has faced a long wait and this is something we are committed to tackling. We would also like to thank all of the staff in our hospitals for their hard work, especially at times when we are facing a high demand for our services.

"We have been in contact with Miss Hegarty and her family to discuss her concerns."

by Graham Breeze

Bead jewellery class at gallery

A BEAD jewellery workshop will be held at Oswestry's Willow Gallery on Saturday.

It will be led by professional jewellery maker and tutor Brenda Day and will take place between 10am and 4pm.

Teresa Shepherd, from the gallery, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to create your own unique, handcrafted jewellery with the expert guidance of Brenda Day.

"Turn your designs into a reality and learn the process of designing and creating a piece of beaded jewellery.

"This is a perfect opportunity to make a special Christmas present or to treat yourself. All materials are provided, just bring a small pair of sharp scissors and any design ideas you may have. Please book in advance due to limited places.

"The beautiful exhibition of hand-crafted jewellery by Brenda Day will be ending on November 17 so make sure you don't miss the chance to find a unique Christmas present."

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"We have been in contact with Miss Hegarty and her family to discuss her concerns."



Linda Hegarty, from Ruyton-XI-Towns. Picture: Simon Williams.

Festivities are planned by charity shop team

BOSSES at an Oswestry charity shop are promising plenty of festive fun at its Christmas extravaganza this year.

Salvation Army Trading Company's charity shop on Church Street is holding its festive extravaganza from next Thursday.

Staff are inviting shoppers to be among the first to snap up the best of the festive bargains.

Manager Jane Williams said: "We've been putting aside donations all year for our Christmas extravaganza and it will be the first time these items have been on display in-store, so regular shoppers and new customers will all be in for a treat."

"We've got something for everyone, from Christmas party outfits to stocking fillers, toys, lovely grown-up gifts such as jewellery and gift sets, and decorations – all at reasonable prices, as we know how expensive Christmas can be."

"Not only could you bag yourself some festive bargains, but you'll also be helping to raise money for The Salvation Army, which provides much-needed services for those in need at Christmas and throughout the rest of the year."

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Bungalow in scenic spot needs a revamp

A substantial bungalow in good-sized grounds on the edge of Morda is on the market for offers in excess of £250,000.

Properties rarely come up in this location and Ridgewood, Coed-Y-Go, is a spacious home which needs renovating.

Main rooms include a sitting room with open fire, dining room, sun room, kitchen and a rear lobby or utility room, three bedrooms, a shower room and oil-fired central heating.

The grounds surround the property and include extensive lawns, patio, a paddock with loose boxes, and a garage.

For further information contact Bowen Son and Watson on 01691 652367 or visit the website www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk

Six-bed barn conversion is finished to highest standard

A high quality detached barn conversion in two acres of land with six bedrooms and five bathrooms has come on to the market.

Eastwick Farm Barn, Eastwick, near Dulestone Heath, Ellesmere, is for sale through Samuel Wood for offers around £489,000.

Having a wealth of features including oak beamed ceilings, oak flooring, oak windows and ledged and braced

doors, it has a reception hall, cloakroom, kitchen, breakfast area, utility, dining room, living room, hallway/reading room, office, six bedrooms, five bathrooms, cinema room, sitting room, gym room and dressing area. The property is approached via a gravelled driveway, with a half-acre orchard/paddock to the side. The driveway carries on round to a courtyard with seating area and ample turning and parking space.

There is also a lawned area to the front of the house. Land next to the property extends to around 1.5 acres and is suitable for grazing horses or livestock.

There is a driveway to the paddock and also an additional piece of land, ideal for the erection of stables (subject to planning) which borders the lane.

For further information contact Samuel Wood on 01691 659951 or visit www.samuelwood.co.uk



Immaculate mews cottage near canal

An attractive mews cottage in Rhoswiel, on the edge of Weston Rhyn, close to the Llangollen Canal, is for sale through Halls for £139,950.

Three miles from Oswestry, number 2 West Lea is immaculately presented.

Accommodation comprises three bedrooms and a bathroom, two reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen and a utility room.

The property also has double glazing and gas-fired central heating throughout.

There is parking for two cars and the gardens are mainly laid to lawn with decking and mature planted borders.

For more details call Halls on 01691 670320 or go to www.hallsgb.com

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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK



Three-bedroom detached home has superb valley views

Tyn-y-Pistyll, in Glyn Ceiriog, is an attractive detached house with valley views. On sale for offers around £350,000, the property has its main rooms on the first floor in an open-plan arrangement.

It has three bedrooms, bathroom and a shower room, along with double glazing and oil-fired central heating. On the first floor there is a living room and a kitchen/dining room. The property is surrounded by landscaped terraced gardens and woodland and has plenty of parking space.

For more details please contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 or go to www.morrismarshall.co.uk



Acclaimed barn conversion set in five acres

An award-winning barn conversion with a separate cottage is on the market for £575,000. The Redlands, at Rhosygadfa, stands in five acres – suitable for livestock – and has many period features such as beamed ceilings, oak floors and six round hayloft windows. With three reception rooms, a farmhouse kitchen, laundry, cloakroom, four bedrooms and two bathrooms, the property has plenty of space. The grounds have useful outbuildings and views over countryside and the Shropshire Union Canal.

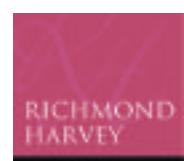
For more information please contact JJ Dell on 01691 653437 or visit www.jjdell.co.uk



Extended semi on sale with £1,000 cashback incentive

A tastefully extended four-bedroom semi-detached house is on the market with no chain for offers over £142,500, with the added bonus of £1,000 cashback on completion. Number 73 Aston Way, Oswestry, includes an entrance hall, cloakroom, attractive kitchen/breakfast room and conservatory, living room, study/dining room, and utility. Upstairs are four bedrooms, one with ensuite shower room, and a family bathroom. The property has gas fired central heating, pvc double glazing, driveway providing ample off-road parking, and rear garden.

For further information please contact Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222 or visit www.richmondharvey.com



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- Gas fired central heating, double glazing, delightful gardens and grounds together with a double garage

King Street
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**NEW - NO CHAIN**

- A superbly appointed and extensively refurbished End-of-Terrace Residential House that has been carefully restored by the present owners and is convenient to all facilities close to the centre of the town
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Enclosed Patio to the Rear. Ideal for investment or first time purchase

Coed-Y-Go
Oswestry

£250,000

**NEW - NO CHAIN**

- A most delightfully positioned Detached Residential Bungalow set within large gardens and grounds just on the edge of Morda towards Coed-y-Go being only one mile from Oswestry.
- The generous property includes which requires some modernisation, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Sun Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby/Utility together with Three Bedrooms and Shower Room.
- Oil fired Central Heating, garage, a Triple Loose Box with adjoining Garage, Small Paddock. Views over open fields to the rear.

**NEW - NO CHAIN**Maplehurst Drive
Oswestry

£165,000

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Detached Modern Bungalow in a most popular location
- Wide Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Bedroom/Dining Room, Kitchen, Two further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Double glazing, Gas fired central heating,
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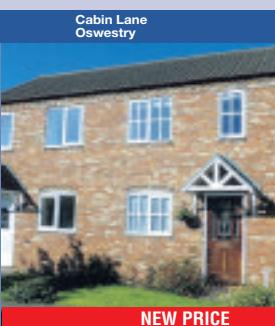
Berlian Close
Weston Rhyn

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**NEW****NEW - NO CHAIN**Hampton Fields
Oswestry

£169,950

- A well positioned and most comfortably appointed Family Detached Bungalow set in a popular area just across Cae Glas Park from the town Center
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- Large private gardens and ample off road parking. upvc double glazing and Oil central heating throughout

**NO CHAIN**Park Street Close
Oswestry

£139,950

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Semi Detached Bungalow
- Situated in a much sought after cul de sac close to the town centre
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Conservatory, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Family Bathroom, 2 Ground Flr Bedrms, 1st Flr Bedrm with En-Suite WC
- Double glazing, gas fired central heating, easily maintained gardens

**NO CHAIN**Lakeholme Gardens
Oswestry

£159,500

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Mid-Terrace House
- Constructed only six years ago to NHBC standards
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Kitchen
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Double glazing
- Gas fired central heating, security system
- Enclosed garden to the rear, car parking space



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- Village Location

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Laburnum Drive, Oswestry

Price: £115,000

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- UPVC Double Glazing
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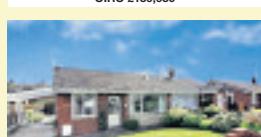
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OFFERS OVER £144,950



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4 BED DET HOUSE
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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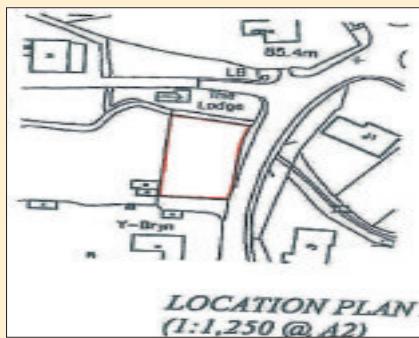
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- Grade II Listed Former Crossing Cottage
- Modern character accommodation
- Gas C/H, kitchen, bathroom, w.c
- Two bedrooms and two receptions
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- Inspection highly recommended

Crossing Cottage, Whittington**£144,950**

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**Building Plots
Adj Y Bryn,
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- Land extending to 0.14 Acres (or thereabouts)
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- Within the village of Meifod. Close to primary school
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- Ground Floor Retirement Apartment
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- Town Centre Office Accommodation
- Three storey mid-terrace property
- Approx 150 sqm (1600 sq ft) floor space
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£170,000

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**Castle View, Oswestry****£370pcm**

- Mid Terrace, Convenient to town centre
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**St Martins Road, Gobowen****£595pcm**

- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Sitting Room, Dining/Kitchen, Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating, Garage, Garden
- Full Time Employment, No Pets
- Available End November

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**Walnut Cottage, Babbinswood,
Nr Oswestry****£500pcm**

- 3 Bedroom Detached Cottage
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room
- Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom
- Double Glazed, Electric Heating
- Parking, Garden (to include gardener)
- Full Time Employment, No Pets

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**Llys Road, Oswestry****£460pcm**

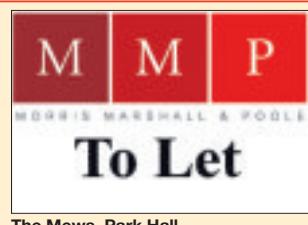
- 2 Bedroom End-Terrace House
- Sitting Room, Kitchen/Diner, Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating, Garden, Parking
- Full Time Employment, No Pets
- Available Now

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**Ashlands Road, Weston Rhyn****£395pcm**

- 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Close to village amenities
- Sitting Room, Kitchen, Bathroom
- Gas C/H, D/Glazing, Garden and Parking
- Full Employment, No Pets, No Smokers
- Available Now

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**To Let****£375pcm**

- 2 Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Sitting Room/Kitchen, Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking
- Full Time Employment, No Pets
- Available Now

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**Roft Street, Oswestry****£325pcm**

- End Terrace House, Close to town centre
- Sitting Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazed, Rear Yard
- Full Time Employment, No Pets, No Smokers
- Available Now

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**To Let****£320pcm**

- 1 Bedroom Second Floor Flat
- Sitting Room, Kitchen, Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Full Time Employment, No Pets
- Available Now

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**Beatrice Street, Oswestry****£250pcm**

- First Floor Flat in Village Centre
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen Area
- 1 Bedroom, Shower Room
- Economy 7 Heating, Recently Re-Decorated
- Full Time Employment, No Pets, No Smokers
- Available Now

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**To Let****£210pcm**

- Self-Contained Ground Floor Bedsit
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- Modern Detached House
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- Garage & Parking
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£163,500

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- Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Spacious Accommodation
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & W.C.
- Quiet Cul de Sac Location

£179,950

LETTINGS

- Oswestry, 2 Bedroom Flat £325 p.c.m.
- Middletown, 1 Bed Apartment £350 p.c.m.
- Oswestry, 2 Bed Semi-Detached £475 p.c.m.
- Weston Rhyn, 2 Bed Semi-Det £475 p.c.m.
- Oswestry, Ground Flr Apartment, 1 Bed £495 p.c.m.
- Trefonen, 2 Bed Barn Conversion £500 p.c.m.
- Weston Rhyn, 3 Bed End Terrace £500 p.c.m.
- Oswestry, 3 Bed Mid Terrace £525 p.c.m.
- Chirk, 3 Bed Semi-Det House £550 p.c.m.
- Chirk, 3 Bed Semi-Det House £575 p.c.m.
- Maesbrook, 3 Bed Bungalow £595 p.c.m.
- Oswestry, 3 Bed Det. Bungalow £600 p.c.m.
- Llangynog, 3 Bed Det Bungalow £625 p.c.m.
- Treflach, 3 Bed Det Bungalow £650 p.c.m.
- Crickheath, 3 Bed Barn Conversion Offers Over £850 p.c.m.

OSWESTRY



- Corner Plot
- Three Bedrooms
- In Need of Updating
- Gas Central Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Convenient Location

£115,000

ST MARTINS



- Semi-Detached House
- Good Sized Corner Plot
- Three Bedrooms
- Ample of Road Parking
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended

£132,500

WESTON RHYN



- Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Large Rear Garden
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory

£134,950

DEYTHEUR



- Detached Rural Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Unspoilt Rural Views



- Good Sized Gardens
- Garage & Parking
- Split Level Accommodation

£215,000

GOBOWEN



- Modern Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul de Sac Location
- Backing onto Watts Dyke
- D. Glazing & Conservatory
- Gas Central Heating

£164,950

TREGEIRIOG



- Detached Cottage
- Landscaped Gardens
- Pretty Hamlet Location
- Workshops and Parking
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms

£180,000

CHIRK BANK



- Terraced Cottage
- Two Bedrooms
- Gardens to the Rear
- Village Location
- Access to Canal
- Detached Garage

£182,500

OSWESTRY



- Modern Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Superb Corner Plot
- Sought After Location
- Attractive Gardens
- Parking and Garage

£249,995

LLANFECHAIN



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Modernisation Required
- Pretty Village Location
- Long Driveway & Garage
- Generous Gardens

£175,000

ST MARTINS



- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Good Sized Gardens
- Single Garage
- Utility Room

£179,950

PANT



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Attractive Gardens
- Cul de Sac Location
- Garage/Workshop
- Spacious Accommodation

£184,950

OSWESTRY



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Conservatory
- Cul de Sac Location
- Gas C.H / Double Glazing
- Views over Fields

£225,000

MAESBURY MARSH



- Detached Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Access to Canal
- Sought After Location
- Extensive Parking
- Stamp Duty Incentive

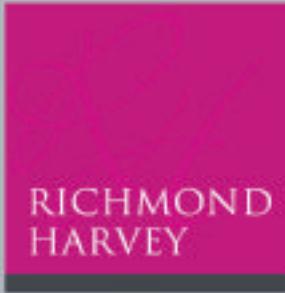
£275,000

CRICKHEATH



- Detached Barn Conversion
- 1.5 Acres of Land
- Further 4 Acres Available
- Three Bedrooms
- Unspoilt Rural Location
- A Must See Property

£359,000


West Street, Oswestry


Sympathetically improved by the present owners, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this character two bedroom end terraced town house to the market which enjoys a sought after residential locality conveniently placed for local town amenities. The property briefly comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Porch, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Courtyard Gardens, Early Viewing Recommended. Offers in Region of £122,950

Bwlch-y-ddar, Llangedwyn


4 bedroom detached smallholding set in approx 8 acres enjoying far reaching countryside views with accommodation comprising: Entrance Porch, Living Room with feature fireplace, Sitting Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Side Lobby, Ground Floor Bedroom 4, Wet Room, First Floor Landing, Three Further Bedrooms and Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Cottage style garden, Open Fronted Workshop, Car Port and Two Grass Paddocks. Viewing Recommended. Offers in Region of £385,000


Orchard Street, Oswestry

OFFERS INVITED - 2 double bedroom mature terraced town house to the market which enjoys a convenient location for local town amenities and benefits from an attractive re-fitted Kitchen and Bathroom. Gas Fired Central Heating. Enclosed Rear Garden, NO CHAIN.

Open to Offers £97,950


Queens Meadow, Queens Head

4/5 bedroom modern executive detached house with Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Double Garage, Double Driveway, Ample Off Road Parking, Integral Garage and Enclosed Rear Garden. The property has the benefit of being sold with NO ONWARD CHAIN.

Offers in the Region of £279,950


Glebe Meadows, Gobowen

Enjoying a pleasant edge of village location within a select development of similar modern detached properties Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to introduce this spacious three bedroom detached house. The property benefits from a double garage, double driveway, reception hall, cloakroom, study, living room, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility, first floor landing, master bedroom ensuite, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, gas central heating, generous rear garden, double width driveway and double garage. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in Region of £310,000


Longcroft, Weston Rhyn

Immaculate 3 bedroom modern end terraced house to the market which enjoys a pleasant situation within a select development. The property benefits from Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Two Allocated Parking Spaces and Neatly Landscaped Rear Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers Over £135,000


Bridgeman Road, Oswestry

A tastefully improved 3 bed semi detached dwelling house which is conveniently placed for local town amenities. The property briefly comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, first floor landing, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, PVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, driveway providing ample off-street parking, garage, gardens front and rear. Early viewing recommended.

Offers in Region of £134,950


Fernhill Lane, Gobowen

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant location and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Guest Bedroom Two, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway and Most Attractively Landscaped Gardens to Front and Rear. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £110,000


The Hollies, Church Lane, St Martins

A 3 bedroom detached bungalow which benefits from an attached double garage and garden room extension (possible 4th bedroom or studio). The property also benefits from PVC Double Glazing, spacious living room, kitchen, bathroom, double glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway and Most Attractively Landscaped Gardens to Front and Rear. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £230,000


Summerfield Close, Oswestry

A 4 bed semi detached family house which benefits from a spacious Master Bed Ensuite and Conservatory. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, PVC DG, Driveway, Garage, Gardens. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £167,500


Upper Well Close, Oswestry

7 bed executive detached house which briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Guest Bedroom Two, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Garage and Large Gardens. Fitted Central Heating, Oak PVC Double Glazing, Facia and Soffits. Viewing Fully Recommended. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £399,999


Y Ddol, Penybontfawr

3 bedroom detached bungalow enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location and delightful countryside views to the rear elevation. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Garage and Large Gardens. Fitted Central Heating, Oak PVC Double Glazing, Facia and Soffits. Viewing Fully Recommended. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £207,000


Upper Lord Street, Oswestry

Conveniently placed for local town amenities a well appointed 2 bedroom end terraced town house to the market which briefly comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Two Further Bedrooms, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway and Most Attractively Landscaped Gardens to Front and Rear. NO CHAIN. Early viewing recommended.

Offers in Region of £94,950


St Annes Drive, Oswestry

4 bed detached family house which benefits from a delightful open aspect to rear. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Garage and Large Gardens. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £214,950


Aston Way, Oswestry

£1000 CASH BACK UPON COMPLETION. Extended 4 bed semi which benefits from an attractive Kitchen/Breakfast Room and Conservatory with Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-road parking and Garden to Rear. NO CHAIN.

Offers Over £142,500


Longueville Drive, Oswestry

3 bed detached family house to include: fitted kitchen, utility and neatly landscaped gardens. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Lounge with feature fireplace, Dining Room, Attractive Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing as stated, Double width driveway, Garage and neatly landscaped gardens.

Offers in Region of £175,000


The Cottages, High Fawr Avenue, Oswestry

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow enjoying a delightful tucked away position within this most sought after residential locality. Briefly comprising: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Attractive Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Two Further Bedrooms, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway providing ample off road parking and Gardens. Early viewing recommended.

Offers in Region of £165,000


Milars Field, Morda

2 bedroom modern bungalow which enjoys an edge of village location with pleasant views to the fore and a generous plot. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Two Further Bedrooms, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Garage and Two Allocated Parking Spaces. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in Region of £149,950


Milars Field, Oswestry

A five bedroom executive detached house (Former Show Home) Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Master Bedroom with Dressing Area and En-Suite, Guest Bedroom with En-Suite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, PVC DG, Double width driveway, Double Garage and Gardens.

Offers Over £247,995


Maes Myllin, Llanfyllin

Immaculately presented and deceptively spacious two double bedroom modern detached bungalow occupying a pleasant position within this recently constructed development which has the benefit of a detached double garage, modern kitchen, double glazing, double doors and rooftop views. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £220,000


Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry

A two double bedroom semi detached house which benefits from a fitted Kitchen and Luxury Bathroom. Enjoying a convenient position for local town centre amenities and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Lounge with feature fireplace, Spacious Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Double Bedrooms, Bathrooms, PVC Double Glazing, Double Garage and Large Gardens. Fitted Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Garage and Two Allocated Parking Spaces. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in Region of £129,950


Valley Court, Morda Road

A tastefully improved and substantial detached Victorian residence. Comprising: Reception Hall, Inner Hall, Cloakroom, Cellar, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Breakfast Room, Family Room, Elegant Kitchen, Rear Hall, Utility, Rear Cloakroom, Spacious Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Bedroom Two with Dressing Room, Double Bedrooms, Bathrooms, PVC Double Glazing, Double Garage and Large Gardens. Fitted Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Garage and Two Allocated Parking Spaces. MUST BE SEEN.

Guide Price £950,000


Coppice Drive, Oswestry

3 bed mature semi detached house which is situated next to Old Oswestry Hill Fort. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathrooms, PVC Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Garage and Large Garden. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.

Offers in region of £129,950


Ferrers Road, Oswestry

A 3 storey 4 bed semi detached town house which offers a wealth of character features, comprising: Reception Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen with Rayburn, Utility/Rear Lobby, Cloakroom, Cellar, Three Further Bedrooms and Bathroom, Second Floor Bed/Bathrooms, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Low Maintenance Paved Patio and Gated Parking Area.

Offers in Region Of £179,950


The Meadows, Gobowen

2 bed bungalow benefiting from a spacious living room with multi fuel stove, study/dining room and a useful side lobby. Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location and conveniently placed for local village amenities. The property also comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Spacious Lounge, Double Bedrooms, Bathrooms, PVC Double Glazing, Double Garage and Large Garden. Fitted Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Garage and Two Allocated Parking Spaces. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in Region Of £152,000


Mount Drive, Oswestry

5 bedroom Victorian detached family house which retains many original period features and enjoys a private and much sought after locality conveniently placed for local town amenities. The property benefits from extensive landscaped gardens, garage, workshop and outbuildings. Gardens front and rear. NO CHAIN. Price Guide £365,000

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INSPECTION RECOMMENDED



Knockin Heath, Oswestry

A mature residence requiring general modernisation and upgrading, set in gardens and grounds extending to 3.03 acres, with further adjoining paddock extending to 2.15 acres available by separate negotiation. Hall, drawing room, dining room, snug/family room, kitchen/breakfast room, boot room/utility room, downstairs WC, six bedrooms, family bathroom, WC. Adjoining the property is a former doctor's surgery with its own external door, giving scope for conversion to granny annexe or home work accommodation. Oil CH, range of garaging, workshops, store rooms. Large formal gardens to the rear with orchard, large vegetable garden, adjoining small area of woodland to the front.

Guide Price: POA

3061



Maesbury, Oswestry

A character public house with a friendly family atmosphere and a wealth of character features. Two large lounge bar areas, games room (previously used as a dining area), central bar area, equipped kitchen and associated store rooms, spacious private accommodation. Large outdoor area with ample parking for around 20 cars, paddock which could be utilised as a beer garden or camping area. Fronting onto Maesbury Road, less than a mile off the A483 which is a busy thoroughfare, The Original Ball is free of tie and provides a rare opportunity to purchase a freehold popular public house with scope to expand the business. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £247,500



Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached country property with attractive garden and grounds set along the disused Montgomery Canal. Hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, back kitchen/utility, boot room, four double bedrooms, single bedroom/study, family bathroom, unlit shower room. Three bay barn and store, small grass turnout paddock, garden store, ample parking. Occupying a tranquil position in this rural hamlet. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £299,000

2903



Rhosweil, Oswestry

An attractive Grade II Listed family residence dating back to 1620 having been renovated, set within beautiful gardens and grounds. Hall, farmhouse style kitchen, utility room/back kitchen, boot room/laundry room, dining room, drawing room, study, cellar, Jacobean oak staircase, six bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room. Enclosed stable yard with tack room, two loose boxes and adjacent feed store, large parking area, coach house with garaging and large studio above, two bay dutch barn, two paddocks. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £630,000

2910



Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloakroom, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, gallery landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. For further information contact our Oswestry office on 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £450,000



Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A unique riverside property, renovated and modernised to an exceptionally high standard including many traditional period features. Reception hall, open plan living room with modern fitted kitchen, utility room with WC, dining room, drawing room, four double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, family bathroom. Set in its own tranquil grounds and abuts the River Tanat, situated in the quiet residential village of Llanyblodwel. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £410,000

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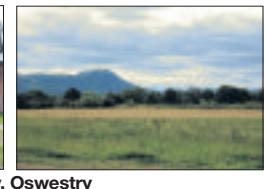


Edgerley, Oswestry

A charming, Grade II Listed detached period cottage with self-contained annexe/garage block. Hall, living room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Parking, gardens extending to approx 0.6 acre including greenhouse and polytunnel. Occupying a pleasant rural location in the hamlet of Edgerley, about 12 miles from Shrewsbury and Oswestry.

Guide Price: £399,000

2717



BRAND NEW CONVERSION

Edgerley, Oswestry

A luxury barn conversion currently undergoing construction, on a small select development of just four units. Hall, downstairs cloak, large sitting room/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, four good size bedrooms, two en-suites, family bathroom. There is currently the option of choosing your own kitchen and sanitary ware and has a choice of heating systems. Front and rear gardens, ample parking and detached garage. There is an option for a small adjacent paddock, both available by separate negotiation. Contact agents for further details.

Guide Price: £325,000



Boot Street, Whittington

A deceptively spacious detached bungalow renovated throughout to an exceptionally high standard, situated in its own grounds within the popular residential village of Whittington. Hall, open plan sitting room, dining room, study area, modern fully fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, two en-suite bedrooms, further double bedroom, shower room. Gas CH, ample parking, large gardens with pleasant aspect to the fore and rear. Conveniently positioned close to the centre of the village. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £315,000

2778



Pontrobert, Meifod

A charming mid 16th century detached Grade II Listed cottage, gardeners' cottage, the front, rear side, and the outbuildings of a detached and popular village. Entrance hall, dining room, snug/utility, fully fitted kitchen, utility room/cloaks, sitting room, landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms, family bathroom. For further details or to arrange a viewing contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £338,000



Nantmawr, Oswestry

A rare opportunity to acquire a converted stone barn with additional first floor annexe together with extensive stone walls in need of repair. The property is in a popular conservation area. The accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, dining room, snug/utility, fully fitted kitchen, utility room/cloaks, sitting room, landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms, family bathroom. For further details please contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £300,000



Horsemarket, Oswestry

An impressive spacious semi-detached period property restored to an exceptional standard, set in a convenient central town centre location. The property is in a conservation area. The well planned accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, dining room, large living room, large breakfast kitchen, utility and cloakroom, two double bedrooms, family bathroom, shower and roll top bath, and four double bedrooms. Fine gardens, grounds and patio, external parking for three cars. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £265,000



EARLY INSPECTION RECOMMENDED

Dudston, Nr Chirbury

A truly delightful detached period cottage, believed to be of a very high traditional standard, set in a convenient location enjoying lovely views over surrounding countryside. Sitting room, kitchen, large master bedroom, further bedroom, luxury bathroom. With Planning Permission for a two storey extension to the rear, the property offers accommodation comprising: two reception rooms, new kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms and further bathroom. Contact agents for further details.

Guide Price: £245,000



NO CHAIN

Maesbury, Oswestry

A deceptively spacious semi-detached family home, built in 1970 and UPVC DG, single garage, and front and side gardens. The property is in a delightful semi-rural position on the fringe of Maesbury, surrounded by lovely rural countryside and enjoying countryside views. Entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, two double bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room, ground floor WC, landing, four bedrooms, en-suite shower room, and family bathroom.

Guide Price: £199,950



Llansantffraid

An attractive, three bedroom detached double garage, originally built in the 1700's and retaining a wealth of exposed timbers, and many period features. The property occupies a convenient position about one mile from the centre of the village with a range of local amenities and has the benefit of a large garden, rear garden, front garden, ground floor WC, landing, four bedrooms, en-suite shower room, and family bathroom.

Guide Price: £199,950

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THREE BEDROOMS PART-EX CONSIDERED

Lilac Grove, Oswestry

A well appointed and hugely extended, end of terrace property, UPVC DG, gas CH, and very large rear garden. It offers a unique and a pleasant and very convenient position within short distance local amenities. The accommodation must be viewed to appreciate the size of this property: hall, large through living room, separate snug/family room, large L-shaped kitchen/dining room, three double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, separate WC.

Guide Price: £145,000

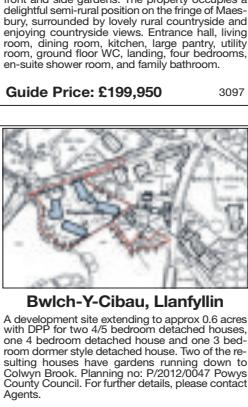
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WITH FOUR BEDROOMS

A spacious extended semi-detached property offering affordable four bedroom accommodation, with gas CH, UPVC DG, double glazing, private off street parking. Entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, good size utility room, timber and brick constructed conservatory, landing, four bedrooms, family bathroom. It occupies a quiet end of cul-de-sac position with enclosed gardens to the rear with small greenhouse.

Guide Price: £139,500



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Guide Price: £185,000



Guide Price: £145,000

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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK



Modernised bungalow for sale with no onward chain

A chain-free detached bungalow in Ellesmere has just come on the market in Ellesmere with a guide price of £189,950. Ambleside, 39 Stanham Drive has been recently modernised with a newly fitted kitchen and bathroom, upgraded gas-fired central heating and a conservatory, and has been redecorated throughout. The main rooms include a living room, kitchen/diner, utility, wc and conservatory. There are three bedrooms, one with fitted wardrobes, and a bathroom. The front and rear gardens are mainly laid to lawn and there is a driveway and a garage.

For more details please contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or go to www.woodheadestates.com



Country home includes grazing rights on common

A desirable detached house on Llynclys Hill with views over the Shropshire Plain and the Breidden Hills has been reduced from £320,000 to £275,000. Dale Cottage, Pant, stands in around 1.25 acres of grounds with grazing rights on Llynclys Common. The generous rooms include a lounge with open fire, dining room with beamed ceilings, kitchen/breakfast room, two bedrooms, bathroom and a study, which could be a third bedroom. Outbuildings include a laundry, wc, greenhouse and a garage.

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Well-presented terrace ideal for first-time buyers

A well presented two bedroom terrace house in the popular village of West Felton is on sale for £117,000. 91 Applewood Heights would make an ideal first buy or investment and is convenient for Oswestry, Shrewsbury and the A5. The cul-de-sac property has a restyled kitchen and bathroom, and new storage heaters. It has an enclosed back garden and a drive with parking for several cars.

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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK



Five-bedroom period residence includes a coach house

An attractive five-bedroom period residence with a coach house and a tennis court in two acres of grounds is on the market for £650,000.

Built in 1902, Westlands, near Weston Rhyn, was originally commissioned by the Price family, of McVitie Price fame. It has a spacious hall leading to three reception rooms with bay windows, and a study. A spacious kitchen is next to a utility room, pantry and cloakroom and a spacious cellar with wine storage. There are five bedrooms, one ensuite, and a bathroom.

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Charming canalside cottage offers stamp duty incentive

A detached cottage by the Montgomery Canal is on sale for £275,000 with a stamp duty incentive. Pennal Cottage, Maesbury Marsh, has many original features including cast iron fireplaces and exposed stone walls. With central heating and double glazing, the property has a hall with a quarry tiled floor, a 20ft lounge, kitchen/breakfast room with a range, utility, three bedrooms and a bathroom. A good-sized garden has lawns and shrubs and there is extensive parking.

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Immaculate family house has been extensively improved

Number 6 Berlian Close, Rhoswiel, is a superbly appointed detached house in walking distance of the centre of the popular village of Weston Rhyn. On the market for £204,995, the property has been extensively modernised by the current owners. It has spacious living accommodation, large private gardens, off-road parking, double glazing and oil central heating. There are three reception rooms, a recently fitted kitchen, utility/shower room, four bedrooms and a bathroom.

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Middle House Farm, Welsh Frankton OIRO £600,000



Middle House Farm is a traditional 4 bed detached Welsh long house set within approximately 3 acres of land and is surrounded by unspoilt countryside. The property itself retains a wealth of character features whilst the existing outbuildings have the potential for conversion. With stunning views of the Berwyn Hills the property also boasts an outdoor swimming pool and beautifully maintained gardens. In summary a unique property in an idyllic setting.

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- Breakfast Kitchen
- 3 Beds
- En-suite
- Bathroom

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- Garage
- Attractive Garden Plot
- Elevated Position
- Overlooking Village

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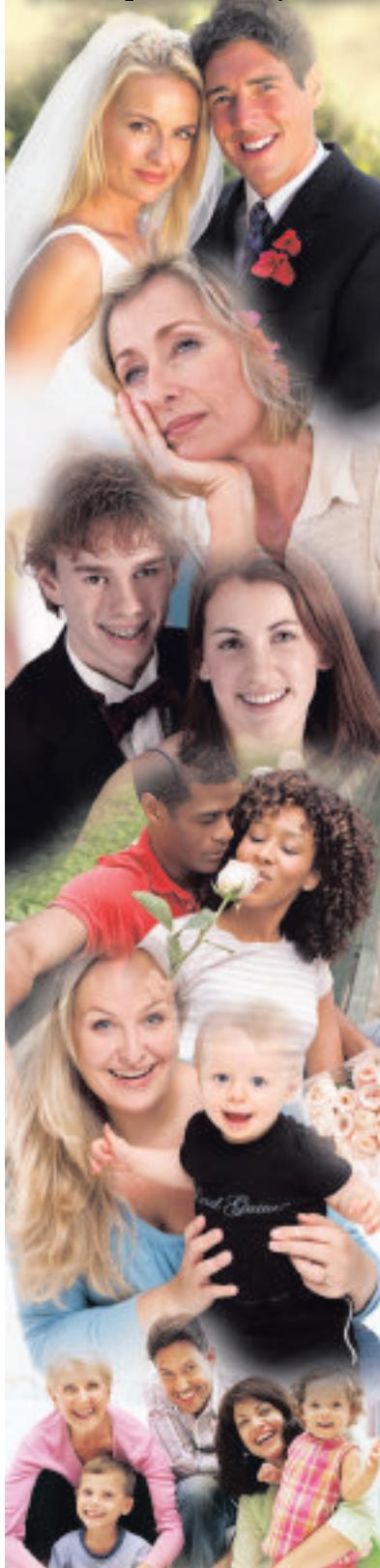
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Deaths

DAVIES

George Llewellyn

Of Welshpool. Passed away peacefully and unexpectedly at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on October 30, 2012.

The Funeral will take place at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury on Thursday, November 22, at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only please but any donations gratefully received will support Hope House Children's Hospice, Morda.

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DAVIES

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Passed away peacefully on November 1, 2012, aged 89 years.

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NEWS

Holiday homes bid for farm site

TWO farm buildings in the Shropshire countryside could soon be turned into accommodation for holidaymakers, if planning bosses agree.

The move will create employment and an economic boost in the county as well as address a shortage of visitor accommodation in the Oswestry area, developers say.

A planning application has been made to turn the buildings at Bromwich Park at Aston, near Oswestry, into four holiday lets for up

to 14 visitors. A design and access statement in support of the bid said: "Bromwich Park is a large farm set in the heart of level agricultural land between Aston and Maesbury."

"The farm was also home to race horse stables and training facilities run by the Barratt family. This activity has now ceased and some of the farm buildings are no longer useful for modern day farming. The proposal is to convert two buildings into four units of holiday accommodation."

The statement added: "At full occupancy the site would develop £2,184 per week. Total spend per annum would be well in the region of £100,000."

"These figures do not take into account the rental income for the applicant which will directly benefit the local economy through purchase of goods and services. The tourist spend would be a direct gain to the immediate area."

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the bid by January 2.

Tel: 01691 668094

Chimney warning from firefighters

by Graham Breeze

FIRE chiefs in Mid Wales are warning people to ensure their chimneys are ready for winter following a spate of chimney fires across the county.

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said fire crews had attended a number of chimney fires in recent weeks with people using open fires again.

The service has now teamed up with the National Association of Chimney Sweeps (NACS) to urge householders to ensure their chimney is safe and swept by a registered chimney sweep to prevent the risk of fire.

Martyn Glynn, president of the National Association of Chimney Sweeps, said: "All chimneys and flue-ways should be cleaned and checked during the summer months to ensure they're free from debris and in full working order before the heating season.

Poisoning

"A blocked or defective chimney can cause chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisoning so it's important to employ a professional chimney sweep such as those certified by NACS.

"With the increased number of people now using open fires, it is important to be mindful of the risks."

Steve Rowlands, community safety manager for North Powys, added: "With colder months looming, people are starting to use fires again."

"The type of fuel you burn depends on how frequently you should sweep your chimney. I would also urge all householders to have a working smoke alarm in their home."

"Ensure a chimney is swept regularly and kept clean and well maintained."

"Make sure you always use a fire guard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers."

"Ensure the fire is extinguished before going to bed or leaving the house and ensure good quality fuel is used."

All the fun of the fair



AN autumn fair was held at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry on Saturday to raise funds for the Oswestry branch of Macmillan Cancer Support. Busy fundraising are, from the left, Joan Cockcroft, Pat Roberts and Diane Andrews.

Willow weaving and life drawing at town gallery

A **WILLOW** weaving workshop was held at a gallery in Oswestry on Saturday.

Professional willow weavers, Helen and Kelvin Stanley, were at the Willow Gallery from 1pm and 4pm to teach people how to make willow sculptures. The cost of the day is £8 including materials.

Life drawing classes are held every Wednesday evening from 6.30pm to 8.30pm with experienced teacher and artist Shaphan Cole focusing on different aspects of capturing the human form each week.

Politician tells of crucial air ambulance rural role

MONTGOMERYSHIRE Assembly Member, Russell George, has spoken about the vital role Wales Air Ambulance plays in delivering critical pre-hospital care in rural Mid Wales.

Speaking during a National Assembly debate on the Welsh Ambulance Service, he praised the staff of the Wales Air Ambulance but also all those involved in raising funds to maintain the operational output of the service.

Earlier in the week, Mr George presented a £1,000 cheque to Wales Air Ambulance in Welshpool, following a successful Across Wales Walk that he completed during the summer.

He also had the opportunity to see the

new purpose-built Eurocopter-135 helicopter, which now operates out of the airport.

Speaking during the debate, Mr George said: "The investment made by Wales Air Ambulance in this new state of the art technology means that Mid Wales has the most advanced life saving operation in the UK."

We know that the geographic demands of living in rural Mid Wales, coupled with the lack of a district general hospital means that the facilities offered by Wales Air Ambulance are crucial.

"Having the EC135 aircraft based in Welshpool, means that Mid Wales will continue to be very well served by Wales Air Ambulance critical pre-hospital care service."

Open day at pre-school

TREFONEN pre-school near Oswestry will stage an open evening on Monday.

The preschool was founded in 1973 by local mothers.

For many years it ran out of the Trefonen Village Hall and has now moved to a purpose-built setting, in the grounds of Trefonen Primary School. The open evening will run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Committee chairman June Middleton said: "Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend."

Contact (01691) 653512 or 07817 641526 for details.

NEWS

Ex-water workers on roll of honour

SOLDIERS who worked at water treatment plants in Shropshire and Mid Wales were remembered on a roll of honour restored in time for Remembrance Day.

Workers for the old Liverpool Corporation are listed on the tablet which United Utilities has recently had restored after years in storage at its treatment works in Bickerstaffe on Merseyside.

The roll features the names of the men and various details, including which department they worked for, their rank, unit, honours and decorations along with an angel with a Liver Bird, the symbol of Liverpool.

Soldiers named were from across Liverpool Corporation's Water Department and the list includes men from Oswestry and Lake Vyrnwy.

The roll of honour has been restored in readiness for its new home at an extended Bickerstaffe water treatment works in Lancashire, which is part of a £62 million project to secure water resources in the area.

Danny Brennan, United Utilities senior project manager, said some of the names had the words 'Killed in Action' next to their entries. "The roll of honour is a timely reminder of how many brave men fought in the First World War, some of them laying down their lives."

Chamber musicians will be performing at village festival

A VILLAGE will hold its own chamber music festival next year – welcoming young musicians from across the world.

For the first 10 days of May villagers in Whittington, near Oswestry, will play host to nine musicians in their 20s and 30s who will perform nine concerts, most of them in the parish church.

Lawrence Mortimer, chairman of the festival management committee, said: "The musicians, all in their 20s and 30s, come from Austria, Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Serbia, the USA and the UK."

by Graham Breeze

Hair cut stunt to boost cause

A WOMAN from Ruyton-XI-Towns has decided to cut off her long hair to raise cash for charity.

Vanessa Atkinson, 47, has decided to get rid of most of her hair in aid of Greyhound Rescue.

She has been growing her hair for the last six years but soon the long, waist-length style will be transformed into short, back and sides similar to the singer/ songwriter Hazel O'Connor.

It will happen on November 14 in the Memorial Hall, in Oswestry, when the Shropshire & Borders branch of the Greyhound Rescue charity holds its annual meet and greet event from 10am to 2.30pm and Mrs Atkinson has agreed to let the owner of Moorlands kennels, Sue Tipton, chop off her hair at about 12.45pm.

It will then get a tidy up by Jane Lloyd from The Royal Salon, in Oswestry. To donate email moorlandsrescue@hotmail.co.uk

"The Leonardi Ensemble, as they call themselves, will play chamber music written by Johannes Brahms, a rare treat not just for seasoned concertgoers but also for anyone who likes a good, passionate tune."

He said the ensemble would open up their rehearsals to the public as well as entertain in the streets and visit schools.

In the final concert the ensemble will play a couple of pieces together with talented schoolchildren."

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Mr Mortimer said the festival management committee was determined to keep ticket prices low, from £10 for each concert to £50 for a whole festival pass.

He said: "We hope people will also consider doing more than just buying a ticket perhaps run a small event to boost publicity and raise a few pounds, sponsor the event as a business or become a festival organiser.

"With all of us working together, Whittington Musical Festival could become the next great thing after the Llangollen Eisteddfod."

"Not everyone is into classical music of course but it is not only the music you have to experience its the brilliant atmosphere of live performance."

Tickets and more information will shortly be available on (01691) 657986.

Victorian theme for craft fair



Getting ready for the Christmas Craft Fair at Whittington Castle, are volunteer Ken Sanderson and castle manager Sue Ellis.

A CASTLE in a Shropshire village will be transported back in time to the Victorian era during a Christmas-themed event on Sunday.

Whittington Castle near Oswestry will be staging its Victorian Christmas craft fair on November 18.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said the event, which runs from 10am to 4pm, was an ideal way of picking up the gift in a historic setting.

She said: "The castle will be transported back in time with a host of Victorian style stalls and entertainment.

"Stall holders and will be dressed up and their will be Victorian characters providing the authentic feel to the event.

"The stalls selling their goods will be offering a handcrafted Christmas gift that promises shoppers an alternative to the everyday - there will be entertainment."

"The highlight will be extracts from our Dick Whittington and his Cat Pantomime with references to the local legend and the castle's connection to Dick."

Entrance is free with £1 to park – call (01691) 662500.

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MPH speed limit could be extended on a road leading into West Felton.

Shropshire Council plans to extend the 30mph zone on Holyhead Road in West Felton by another 50 metres in the new year.

Councillor Simon Jones, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member responsible for highways, said: "This is a short extension to the existing 30mph on Holyhead Road, West Felton, following requests from the parish council."

"The proposed extension of the 30mph speed limit will aid speed reduction and will cover the new homes that have been built at this end of the village."

He said it was hoped the limit would be in place in January or February.

Councillor David Curtis, West Felton Parish Council chairman, said: "It is a question of trying to slow the traffic down before it hits the village."

"It is a straight road through the village and a lot of children walk up and down alongside it."

Ian Hutchinson, parish council clerk, added: "It is something the parish council has been pressing for and asking for for some time."

"There have been more developments built on the edge of the village so it needed to be extended."



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NEWS**Mother is backing human milk bank**

A WOMAN from north Shropshire who became a mum for the first time this year has been helping children all over the UK benefit from breast milk.

Charlotte Bowyer, 26, of Old Woods near Baschurch, has been donating her milk to the Chester Human Milk Bank which distributes it to babies whose mothers cannot breast feed, including mothers of premature babies.

And Mrs Bowyer, who gave birth to her daughter in May, said the milk bank was such a great charity she had decided to start fundraising for it. She said: "Luckily I have been very successfully breastfeeding. I had a lot of excess milk and was just throwing it away."

"I thought there must be something better to do with it and Googled it."

"They send me bottles and I freeze them, keep a temperature chart and have blood tests. They have a volunteer driver who comes to collect it."

Mrs Bowyer's husband, James Nottle, and her mum will do a sponsored walk with their pet dogs, Basset hound Cedric and Labrador Ebbie, up Snowdon on November 17, weather permitting, to raise money.

To sponsor the dogs visit the website www.justgiving.com/twodogs goupamountain

Controversial housing plan revision sparks more anger

REVISED plans for a controversial housing scheme in a picturesque Shropshire village have sparked fresh protests from residents.

Developers say the revised plans for land at The Gables at Nesscliffe will address concerns from members of Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council who objected to their initial plan.

The initial application was withdrawn by the applicants Mr and Mrs N Fardoe shortly before it was due to be discussed at a planning committee last month following objections.

The couple's initial application could have seen 10 houses, including two affordable homes, built on land at The Gables in the village.

The revised application says the couple are looking for outline application only and the revised bid removes references to how many and what kind of houses are planned.

A design and access statement in support of the bid said the resubmitted application addresses concerns from the parish council including fears that it would constitute over development and would have a detrimental effect on neighbouring properties.

Objection

The statement says: "This outline application is for the principle of housing development only."

"This outline scheme will assist the parish and Shropshire Council in meeting the needs of the local residents and those wishing to live in Nesscliffe, and is ideally located at the heart of Nesscliffe village."

However, objector Ron Morris said: "I wish to maintain my objection as this application is almost identical to the previous application which was withdrawn 24 hours before the recent meeting of the central planning committee, where it had been recommended for refusal, and re-submitted five days later."

He pointed out planning officers said the initial bid would have led to 'sporadic and unsustainable development' in the village.

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the resubmitted bid by January 23.

School plans flood-lit pitch

A LEADING independent school has lodged plans for a new flood-lit synthetic sports pitch in Oswestry.

Oswestry School says such a pitch at its Upper Brook Street site would also allow the community at large to enjoy more sport.

A planning statement in support of the bid said talks had already been held with Shropshire Council officers who have indicated support for the application but noted that the floodlights could be the 'most controversial element of the scheme'.

The statement said the pitch would be used by the school until 5.30pm and then open for community use at market rates until 10pm at night during the week.

It said: "The pitch is designed to serve as a new facility for the school that will provide greater use and flexibility of the existing playing fields, and therefore stimulating higher levels of sport and physical activity."

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the bid by December 20.

by Graham Breeze

School hosting festive market



Back, from left, Charlie Woolhouse, deputy head boy, and Adam Stevens, head boy, with, front, from left, Jessica Prince, head girl, and Grace Garry, deputy head girl.

PLANS are now well under way at The Marches School for the annual Christmas Market.

Organised by the school's student leadership group, the event will take place on November 24, in the school hall from 10.30am to 3.30pm and is open to all.

Students are putting the finishing touches to their plans for the market, which will involve lots of festive treats.

The school is looking for local people and businesses to support the event by booking stalls at a fee of £10. All money raised will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Claire Cass, assistant key stage four leader at The Marches said: "Last year's market was fabulous, with an array of stalls including hair and beauty demonstrations, cakes, Christmas cards, jewellery, arts and crafts. Even the school's Young Enterprise Group had a stall."

To book your stall space at the event, please call Claire Cass on 01691 664400.

Theatre group's tips for students

A THEATRE company that regularly performs in London and is supported by actress Joanna Lumley has shown students in north Shropshire the way to put on an environmentally friendly show.

Box Tale Soup Theatre Company held a creative workshop at Ellesmere College on how to use recycled and home-made props.

Students were also treated to a performance of Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey by the company.

The performance included paper puppets and hand-made costumes and props.

Pippa Bell, director of drama at the college, said: "You could have heard a pin drop in the audience, we were hanging on every word and every character, and the strange thing about the puppets is how completely real they become even though they are home-made."

"The pupils have really enjoyed the workshops and both performers were an inspiration."

Box Tale Soup blends storytelling with physical theatre which is influenced by sideshow and circus, improvisation and comedy and classical theatre.

Antonia Christophers, a performer with the company, said: "We aim to tell our tales in a way that is only possible with live theatre."

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Cash for travel is offered to students

PROSPECTIVE students at Walford and North Shropshire College are being invited to apply for three travel scholarships.

The three scholarships are each worth up to £1,000 and will be awarded by the RD Park Trust, the charitable trust originally founded in memory of Walford's first principal, Don Park.

The successful applicants will be able to use the scholarship to fund an overseas visit of relevance to their course of study in either horse management; floristry or country-side.

Andrew Tyley, college principal, said he expected a lot of interest from potential students.

He said: "It is great to be able to offer these new scholarships to students in other land-based disciplines and I am sure there will be a lot of interest."

"We have not specified any particular destinations as we want to encourage students to come up with their own ideas, but there are some obvious places which are likely to feature such as Holland for floristry, Spain, Germany or Austria for horse management and Scandinavia for country-side."

Any potential student interested in applying for one of the new travel bursaries should contact (01691) 688011.

Campaigners' hopes for town memorial to war poet Owen

THE Oswestry birthplace of war poet Wilfred Owen could rival his French shrine at Ors as a tourist draw, campaigners have said.

Enthusiasts for Wilfred Owen's work are calling for 2014-18 commemoration funds being released by the government to be used to create a suitable British memorial to the poet to rival that already set up the French.

And they say that Plas Wilmot, the Oswestry family house where Owen was born, would be an ideal setting.

national tourist attraction and heritage site.

"At the moment the adjacent land is owned by the local council and occupied by a Cricket Club so there is potential for a combined facility.

"The proposed development will split the site in two and reduce the aesthetic appeal of what is presently an attractive small country house in an open setting."

A number of places in Britain have strong links with Wilfred but Plas Wilmot, members of the Park family from Buckinghamshire, have declined to comment Plas Wilmot.

"It's time we did something here in the land of his birth," said Dr Nigel Tinsley, from Shrewsbury, who is leading the campaign.

"A number of places in Britain have strong links with Wilfred but Plas Wilmot, members of the Park family from Buckinghamshire, have declined to comment Plas Wilmot.

Dr Tinsley and Dean Johnson, musician and the writer of Bullets and Daffodils, a musical about Wilfred Owen, have formed Wilfred Owen Watch to campaign for Wilfred Owen linked buildings and land in the run up to the 2014-18 centenary.

A video guided tour of Plas

Wilmot is available at <http://youtu.be/l1m3OzjOKNI>

by Sue Austin

Foundation helps wildlife rescue centre



Karl Hartley presents the cheque to Mandy Day.

A PROJECT to spread the word about the importance of respect and care of animals has been boosted by an Oswestry-based grant-giving foundation.

The Charlotte Hartley Foundation has given a grant of £1,000 to Cuan House Wildlife Rescue, a small registered charity based in Much Wenlock.

It is dedicated to the rescue, care and rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wild animals and birds.

The charity is the only one of its kind that offers an around the clock response in Shropshire and each year admits and treats approximately 1,500 casualties.

Paul Seager from the Charlotte Hartley Foundation said: "The charity receives no government funding and depends on the generosity of individuals, companies and groups and currently needs to raise over £50,000 to cover the day-to-day running costs."

"The money donated by the foundation will be put towards the cost of building a much-needed new aviary."

The foundation was set up in memory of 16-year-old Brongaragh girl Charlotte Hartley who died in July 2009 from complications arising from being misdiagnosed as having swine flu.

NEWS

in brief

Crafts on display at winter fair date

HANDMADE crafts were on display in Oswestry at a winter fair for shoppers to get some early Christmas presents.

The Winter Craft Fair was organised by Qube, based in Oswald Road, with a number of traders offering a wealth of local craft products.

These included gifts, mosaics, Christmas wreaths, willow baskets, willow decorations, jewellery, peg bags and Christmas cards.

Other organisations also took part during the day including Shropshire Wildlife Trust and The Project Group, based in the town.

Coffee morning at memorial hall

A COFFEE and mince pie morning will be held at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry on December 1 to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

The event, from 10am until 1pm will be held on the morning of the Oswestry Christmas procession and the event's organisers are hoping people will call in and help raise funds.

Birds of prey day

BIRDS of prey were the special guests at a meeting of the Weston Rhyn Gardeners' Club on Wednesday. They accompanied speaker, Mr Harry Hamilton from St Martins.

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NEWS**Queen's message delights council**

THE Queen has written to a council in north Shropshire to tell them that she was 'deeply moved' when she received pictures of the town's jubilee celebrations in the post.

Councillors in Ellesmere sent pictures of the town's celebrations over the summer to Buckingham Palace and received a reply dated November 2.

The Queen's lady-in-waiting wrote to the town council clerk and included a personal message from her Majesty.

The letter said: "The Queen was touched that Ellesmere Town Council took the time to write and send photographs of the fireworks and jubilee celebrations in the town."

"She was deeply moved by the gesture."

"Her majesty has included a personal message of thanks for the support you have shown."

Mrs Evans read out the letter at a meeting of Ellesmere Town Council.

The personal message from the queen included professional photographs of the jubilee celebrations in a thank you note.

Councillors said they were delighted with the letter and plan to put it up in the town hall and also on the town's website.

Road lowering plan to help ease abattoir traffic woes

THE LOWERING of a road under a railway bridge near Oswestry could bring an end to the problem of animal wagons using country lanes in north Shropshire.

Abattoir, ABP, wants to lower the road at Rednal railway bridge, to allow all the traffic travelling to and from its site at Hordley to use the designated route via the A5 and Queens Head.

Last year planners granted permission for a new abattoir complex at Hordley subject to HGVs using the route. However, double decker lorries cannot get under the Rednal bridge and are having to use country lanes instead.

Now the company has applied to Shropshire Council to allow the larger vehicles to use a diversionary route until the road can be lowered.

It says the carriageway will have to be dropped by just over half a metre to accommodate the double decker lorries.

Excavations

A report to Shropshire Council says Network Rail has asked that exploratory excavations go ahead.

If these are successful the work could be carried out at the same time as the building of the new abattoir.

Local parish councils have welcomed the scheme saying it would ease traffic problems.

However there has been an objection from the Shrewsbury and District Riding Club.

It says the proposed diversion route includes part of a government-funded bridleway scheme around Rednal.

"This is the only public scheme of this size in the whole of North Shropshire and is used by walkers, cyclists and for equestrian purposes," the club says in its objection comments.

Horse riders have to use the lane as a link between the bridleway routes. The proposal therefore puts riders and horses at risk from the large vehicles proposed to be using these routes."

by Graham Breeze

Council leader meeting date

THE leader of Shropshire Council will be visiting a village near Oswestry to listen to residents and talk about the unitary authority's budget for next year.

Councillor Keith Barrow will be given a special slot at a Local Joint Committee meeting taking place in St Martins' Community Centre on November 20. The question will allow him to try and deal with issues raised by members of the public.

The Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee will also give people the chance to hear updates on the new Oswestry Health Centre.

Grants for a number of local community organisations will be revealed and future applicants are reminded that the closing date for the next round of applications will be on January 25.

For more information about the LJC or advice about how to apply for funding call Julie Ruler, Shropshire Council's community action officer, on (01691) 677301.

Success story for Welsh shop



AN AWARD-winning market shop in Oswestry – believed to be the only one of its kind in England – is proving so popular that it has expanded.

And shoppers are being urged to go along and brush up on their language skills.

The Welsh shop, Siop Cwlwm, was opened in the Powis Market Hall by mother and daughter Linda and Lowri Roberts two years ago, selling books, music and films, greeting cards and gifts, all Welsh, bilingual or made by local producers.

Now they have moved into a bigger unit and Lowri and Linda have also launched Friday 'talking shop' events.

"A lot of people in this area are learning Welsh but they say they don't get a chance to practice outside lessons," Miss Roberts said.

"So we are happy for people to come along on Fridays and ask us for help with their homework, or their language skills and practice speaking in Welsh, to us or other learners and customers."

For more information visit www.siopcwlm.co.uk

NEWS**in brief**

Peacocks sought for beauty spot

THE owner of a complex at a beauty spot near Oswestry wants to give some peacocks a home at the tourist attraction.

Phil Facey has been looking after the Rhaeadr falls complex in Llanrhaffr-y-mochnant for the last 12 years.

He recently decided that having some feathered friends would add to the enjoyment of people visiting the area.

He has now put up adverts in shop windows around Oswestry.

Anyone with peacocks can call Mr Facey on (01691) 780392.

Dead trees axed at beauty spot

DEAD trees will be cut down at a beauty spot in north Shropshire.

Ellesmere Town Council approved the work to 17 trees in the Swan Hill area. A combination of beech trees, alder trees, willow trees and an oak tree will be cut down.

Three metres of dead wood will also be removed from an oak tree off Canal Way in order to preserve the tree.

Food appeal

PEOPLE in Trefonen are being urged to donate food to the Oswestry and Borders Food Bank. Anyone who wants to donate can leave items in a box at the back of Trefonen church every Sunday.

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Bulbs and boxes are put in at station

A RAILWAY station on the Shropshire border has become something of a wildlife haven thanks to the efforts of a team of volunteers.

Bulbs have been planted and bird boxes installed after the Friends of Chirk Station won £100 of garden centre vouchers in a competition run by Keep Wales Tidy and Homebase and supported by the WAG.

The aim was to encourage groups to create wildlife habitats with small practical projects.

Work at the station involved pruning and clearing a shrub area for replanting and mulching over a bank with wood chippings, provided by Enterprise, the contractors who recently felled trees at the entrance to the station car park.

Bird boxes and a bug hotel will help creatures in winter and fruit bearing shrubs will provide food and shelter.

Christine Ashford, from the station group, said many people including workers from the Kraft factory got involved in the Have a Wild Weekend for Wales initiative.

She said: "It was great to see so many volunteers get involved including our neighbours Kraft."

"This will help flora and fauna at this, the most environmentally-friendly station in north Wales."

Jane proves father wrong and achieves her ambitions

WHEN Jane Powell failed her 11+ her father described her as 'the thicke of the family' - 40 years later she has proved him wrong by gaining a degree.

"In 1961 failing the 11+ was life changing. My father viciously told me 'every family has a thicke, you are ours' and 'painless spending money on a girl as you will only become pregnant' resulting in attending the secondary modern school."

"Four years later, a careers adviser asked about work. I wanted to work with animals, perhaps in a zoo. He suggested an application to a local hotel as a chamber maid. What?"

"Careers then available to limited education girls were: nurse, shop and office. I trained at the TEC, amazingly gaining two 'O' levels and in 1967 started office work, quickly deciding this was not for me and applied to be a police dog handler."

"A policeman patted me on the head saying 'girls can't handle doggies'. The RAF said 'kennel maids were the only girls working with dogs, what about being a mechanic?'. So I stayed working in an office, a square peg in a round hole, many times attempting escape."

"In the mid 1970s I was grieving for my missed education and attended evening classes gaining four 'O' levels. Biology introduced Mendel and genetics. I was in love. Informing the tutor I was going to give up work and study science at 'A' level, she advised me it was a 'waste of time'.

"Her throwaway comments plus my lack of educational self confidence allowed her to shatter my hopes of working in the scientific field of genetics.

"In the late 1970s I had my first dog. Policeman wrong: girls can handle doggies. Father wrong: wanted dogs - no biological clock, no desire for children.

"The early 1990s brought redundancy and opportunity to study two 'A' levels at Shrewsbury College of Arts and Technology, passing

WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE

with Sue Austin

both, one at 'A' grade. Application accepted as Manchester University undergraduate. Again setback, no funding for mature students, turning down the place, I went back to office work.

"2009 early retirement and applied to WNSC for an Animal Science Foundation Degree. Hard work and steep 'learning curve' achieved high merit.

"A third year did not materialise, application was made to and accepted by Glyndwr University for an honours degree, achieving a BSc 2.1 (Hons) in Animal Science Studies graduating on 2 November 2012.

"During my degree studies it was discovered that I had a previously undiagnosed allergy now thought to have been responsible for the deafness that hindered my early learning.

"Although taking more than 40 years, I am proud to be the only one of my siblings to have a degree, at last proving my unsupportive father's opinion of me wrong. I am now considering studying for a Masters and my Mother would have been so proud."



Jane Powell's graduation.



Jane with her dogs Harris and Jorja.

Plans in to serve HGV fuel demand

A SHROPSHIRE service station is planning changes to its site to cope with the increasing demand from HGV drivers.

Nesscliffe Service Station on the A5 Nesscliffe bypass has lodged an application with Shropshire Council planners for the installation of an 80,000 litre diesel tank.

A design and access statement submitted in support of the bid explained why the new large tank is required.

It said: "The petrol filling station is an established use on the A5 where it bypasses the village of Nesscliffe."

"The petrol filling station is used by local residents, passing motorists, commuters and business users, and heavy goods vehicle."

"The requirement for this additional storage is created by demand on the HGV forecast."

"The proposed storage tank has a capacity of 80,000 litres."

"This capacity enables the site management to supply the increasing number of HGV traffic calling on to the site and to reprogramme fuel delivery regime to achieve a reduction in the number of weekly deliveries."

The statement added: "The proposed additional tank will be dedicated HGV."

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the bid by December 31.

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FEATURE & NEWS**Portraits feature in school art show**

MORE than 100 self-portraits by primary school pupils have been on show at an art gallery in Oswestry.

Morda Primary School's exhibition Reflections has been on display in the Qube Gallery.

The pupils' work has been inspired by workshops led by portrait artist Peter Edwards and resulted in a colourful exhibition which lasted until today, Thursday.

Charlotte Jackson, arts co-ordinator at Qube, said: "This exhibition is full of colour and we are pleased to host Morda Primary School here."

"Visitors to the gallery can also see portrait work by Peter Edwards on display."

The paintings on display are a result of a series of workshops where Mr Edwards went into Morda Primary School to give the children some portrait painting tips and plenty of ideas.

Walkers hailed

COUNCILLORS in Ellesmere have said a walk to celebrate the opening of the Shropshire Way in the North and the Meres and Mosses Partnership was a great success. Town mayor Alan Clarke said about 90 people turned out to the walk at Bettisfield Moss on Friday.

Mammoths and sabre-tooth tigers walked with humans

ON THE WILD SIDE
with
Ben Waddams



HISTORY was never my strong point at school. Nor was biology come to that, but at least biology, and in particular the study of animal behaviour, was something I enjoyed in my spare time.

History was full of dates and names and although I was fascinated by the world wars, we never covered it at my school. However in my view there is a point at which history and biology meet; prehistoric wildlife.

Along with dinosaurs, all children are fascinated by woolly mammoths and sabre-toothed tigers. But what makes recent pre-history even more exciting is that we were around too.

The period of history from 100,000 BC to 2,000 BC is often referred to as the Stone Age. The 'Stone Age' is as fabled as it is descriptive. The primary material for tools and weapons was stone, but not just any stone.

Materials were chosen that could be worked into different objects. We can then further subdivide this epoch into the Palaeolithic (100,000 – 10,000 BC), Mesolithic (10,000 – 4,000 BC) and Neolithic (4,000 – 2,000 BC) periods.

Scrapers

In Shropshire, the earliest remains of Man's activities are axe heads and scrapers, made from local pebble flint. Flint can be easily 'knapped', chipped away at and turned into different shapes.

These objects date from the Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age: 10,000 – 4,000 BC). Other flint tools have also been found within the vicinity of Old Oswestry Iron Age hillfort, suggesting Neolithic activity (4,000 BC – 2,300 BC).

Oh how I would dearly love to find a stone tool from my long lost ancestors. Every year at around this time, I keep a keen eye open for the glint of knapped flint atop the newly ploughed fields, but alas I have found nothing yet.

I may yet find some treasure from the Neolithic or Mesolithic ages, but I have no chance of finding anything from the Palaeolithic. For that, I would have to travel further afield and I'll let you in on a Waddams-

family secret. My Uncle Lou is a renowned geologist, leading field-trips to all corners of the Earth.

Recently he told me of a find he had made in the Sahara Desert, which made my vestigial organ spark to life... that is to say, the hairs on my neck stood upright!

He was exploring a region of Tunisia, known as Jenein. Although only a few nomadic shepherds live in the area today, the Sahara was more populated some 30,000 years ago when groups of hunter-gatherers made their flint instruments.

This was the time of the Great Ice Age (known as the Pleistocene Epoch) when the repeated advances of the ice sheets from the north were punctuated by warmer and wetter periods and when man could inhabit places which are hostile to life today.

Walking through the sand dunes, Lou stumbled upon an ancient lake bed. Skirting this feature, he came across a gravelly 'shoreline' between two dunes.

Wind can only move particles smaller than 2mm in diameter, so the pebbles remain on the surface, whilst the dust and sand is blown above.

As he squatted on the ancient shore, he realised he had walked into someone's camp. But these people had left many thousands of years ago. Every piece of flint was knapped. There were scrapers and saws, cutting blades and scoops.

So far as he is aware, no-one else knows of this pre-historic site and maybe it's best to be kept that way?

Ben's wildlife art can be seen at The Gallery tea-rooms, Princess Street, Shrewsbury.



Ben at Olduvai Gorge in East Africa, one of the best places in the world to find stone tools.



A knapped scoop and scraper from the Jenien site.

Choir to perform hospice fundraiser

RHOS Male Voice Choir based on the Shropshire/Wales border will perform at Nightingale House Christmas Concert on December 1.

Staff at the hospice in Wrexham, which has patients from the Oswestry and North Shropshire area, say the concert at St Giles Parish Church at 7.30pm is a vital part of the venue's annual fundraising.

Rhos has won 'Best Male Voice Choir' for two consecutive years at the National Eisteddfod.

Also performing at the concert will be soloists Deborah Parry-Edwards and Aled Wyn Davies, along with the Wrexham Citadel Band.

Margaret Hollings, fundraising and events manager for the hospice, said: "Anyone who missed last year's outstanding concert should make sure they have tickets to this one, which is going to be equally impressive. Every penny raised through the sale of tickets, goes directly to patient care."

"I personally can not wait for the concert and hope to see you all there."

Tickets cost £15 each with concessions for the over 65s and students. You can buy them online at www.nightingalehouse.co.uk or by calling (01978) 314292.



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NOSTALGIA & NEWS

Right royal celebration for King

by Toby Neal

THEY say that every picture tells a story and, on the face of it, this photo shows decorations and celebrations in Oswestry for the coronation of Edward VII 110 years ago, in 1902.

And while that is correct, there is a story behind the story. The coronation of the King had originally been scheduled for June 26 and Shropshire, like everywhere else, was all geared up to celebrate.

But shortly beforehand he fell ill with appendicitis and, with his life in danger, celebrations were called off, although bonfires were lit across Shropshire anyway. The seriousness of the situation is reflected in the fact that at one stage the King was reported to have died.

However, he recovered, and the coronation went ahead on August 9, 1902, with many celebrations on Coronation Day.

Gigantic

Contemporary reports tell of this Oswestry parade being held that day. Here you can see it passing through Church Street.

Upper left is a decoration reading "For King And Country" and flags are flying from the buildings. It was a Saturday and a public holiday, and shops and firms were closed.

Here is how the Shrewsbury Chronicle of August 15 reported events: "Oswestrians had no lack of diversion on Saturday, notwithstanding that a very substantial part of the rejoicings in connection with the Coronation had already been held.

"The proceedings began with a gigantic state parade to the Parish Church, followed by a great assembly of burgesses in the Horse Market, where the Volunteers fired a feu de joie.

"Afterwards there were attractive sports in Maesylan, and the rejoicings fitly terminated with an illuminated



The parade on the occasion of the coronation of Edward VII. It took place on Saturday, August 9, 1902.

cycle carnival and a display of fireworks. "All the main streets were ablaze with many-coloured flags."

It went on: "The procession to church lacked the prestige and the additional colour which would have been given to it by the presence of the Mayor and his

magnificent robes, but the pageant was nevertheless of an imposing character, and probably surpassed any demonstration of a similar character which has ever taken place in the town."

It went on to tell how the parade was led by members of Shropshire Constabu-

lary, followed by the Volunteer Band leading the Oswestry Troop of the Shropshire Yeomanry.

The children in our picture can be identified by this description in the report: "Immediately preceding the civic dignitaries marched a 'guard of honour,'

consisting of little girls, daintily dressed, and carrying baskets of roses, and boys in naval costumes, bearing Union Jacks."

The procession went to church, where there was a sermon, and at the exact moment of the coronation a fanfare was sounded from the top of the tower.

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Guide to galleries laid on for art lovers

STAFF at a gallery in Oswestry are organising a trip to Liverpool to allow art enthusiasts to enjoy some of the city's best collections.

The trip has been organised by staff at the Willow Gallery and will take place on November 16.

People on the trip will spend the day taking in collections of art and enjoying the city. The group will visit the Lady Lever, Tate Liverpool and the Walker, and stop for lunch.

Visits will also be made to some of Liverpool's most contemporary and innovative galleries.

The price of £6 covers the art history content for the day which will be provided by art history teacher Felicity Woods, gallery manager and art teacher Anthony Smith and gallery curator and art teacher Tereska Shepherd.

Transport and food costs are up to the individual so as to give everyone freedom of choice.

The timetable includes meeting times so that everyone will be free to explore the galleries at their own pace if they so wish.

To book a place contact the gallery (01691) 657575.

Meanwhile a willow weaving workshop will be held at the gallery on Saturday from 1pm to 4pm.

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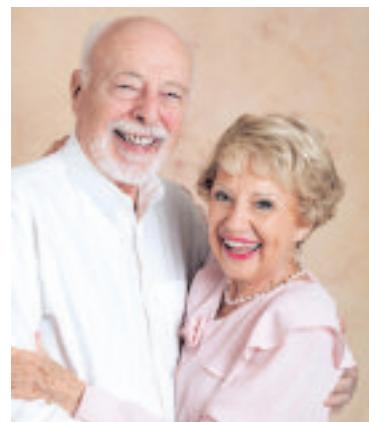
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THE ARTS

Brass band sessions in bid to bring in recruits

A BRASS band which was formed in a Shropshire village in 1916 is restarting its training group to try to bolster numbers.

Ifton Colliery Band, based in St Martins, wants budding musicians of all ages to join its training band which will be starting rehearsals this month.

Band officials hope to capture people's interest and train them up so they can eventually join the main band which currently has about 25 musicians.

It was first formed in 1916 and has run a training section in the past.

New musicians invited to go along on a Wednesday night.

St Martins councillor Neil Graham said: "We want to become a leading band for the centenary in 2016."

"It would be good for people who are learning to get the chance to sit alongside people who are well practised. They can pick up a lot of tips."

The main Ifton Colliery Band takes part in a number of performances around the county and also takes part in competitions.

It is due to play outside Sainsbury's in Oswestry on December 1 at 6pm for the launch of this year's Rotary's Tree of Light.

Its musicians have rehearsals every week from 6pm to 7pm at St Martins Community Centre.

Ray Lewis, from the band, said: "We are trying to build up the main band. The training band is open to all ages."

He said it would be helpful if people had their own instruments but there could be a few spare ones if not.

"All you need is a love of music and you can go on from there," Mr Lewis added.

To join the training band and for more information call him on (01691) 654182.

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Postcard tells a tale



With a display of books at Oswestry Library based on postcards, to promote the forthcoming talk by Francesca Millican-Slater, is team librarian Heather Rodenhurst. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

A SECOND hand postcard bought for just 50p led to the writing of a one woman play that will take to the stage in Oswestry tomorrow (Friday).

The postcard was bought by Francesca Millican-Slater who was intrigued by the message on the back.

Addressed to Miss L. Gibbs and sent on July 15, 1910, it read, Be Careful Tomorrow, AC.

During her part lecture, part biography, Francesca investigates the message on the postcard, finding herself obsessed by the life of the woman who received it.

Why did Miss Gibbs have to be careful, and what happened to Francesca when she started tracing Miss Gibbs history? The event will be held at Oswestry Library at 7pm.

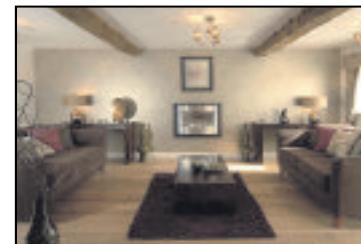
Tickets for the Arts Alive show are £8 for adults, £5 children or £25 for a family ticket. They are available from (01691) 677388 or online at www.artsalive.co.uk.



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Blues band ready to rock at town venue

GIG GUIDE

with Chrissy Symmons



BOOGIE-woogie, rock and roll, funk and blues are just some of the sounds that will be played around Oswestry, Welshpool and the borders this week.

Five-piece BluzeBox will be performing at The Ironworks tomorrow night (Friday).

Audiences will see the musicians creating their individual slant on classic and modern songs.

The band is made up of guitarist Steve Alden, singer Neil Harrison, Tony Atlantis on the piano and harmonica, bassist Ray Foster and drummer Glyn Jones.

BluzeBox enjoys playing lively, up-tempo, blues and R&B with elements of boogie-woogie, funk and rock n' roll. In the last 18 months the group has played in venues across Shropshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire.

The free night will kick off at 9pm.

Chris Dumville will be spending his Friday night at the Lowfield Inn, in Marton, near Welshpool, playing real acoustic music.

From 8pm he will be performing a wide range of musical styles including folk, blues, soul, classical, ragtime and r'n'b on his guitar.

In Welshpool Eddy Garty will be



Five-piece BluzeBox will be performing at The Ironworks.

playing at the Oak Live event. He is the front man of Blues State UK and his live, solo performance will take place at the Royal Oak Hotel in the town.

The next evening (Saturday) the hotel will be hosting a Casino night with Frank Sinatra Tribute act Fredrick Gardner.

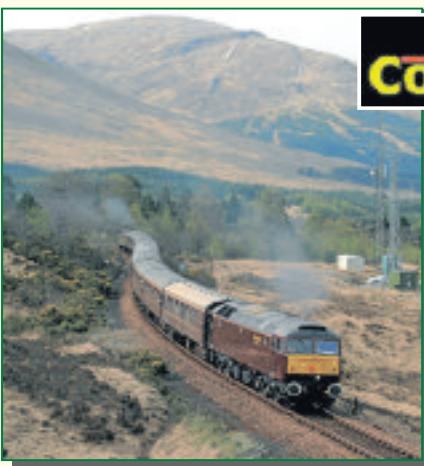
A tribute act will also be playing in Oswestry on the same night. The Ironworks, in Church Street, will play host to bands Guns Vs Roses and Crossfire from 9pm. Guns Vs Roses will be playing tribute to rock n roll group Guns N Roses. Tickets £8 or £10 on the door.

Next week Llanymynech Amateur Dramatic Society will be presenting Murder in a Play from Wednesday until November 24.

The production starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £6 or £5 for concessions.

They can be bought from The Herbarium in Oswestry, Mile End Tourist Information office, Llanymynech Post Office and Llanymynech Village Hall.

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Monday, November 12
OTMS (62)

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FAT CATTLE (11)

Eleven fat heifers and steers presented today, selling to average of 208.81ppkg for the steers and 224.11ppkg for the heifers. Jones Brothers Ystradolwen sold three fat Limousin steers to 224ppkg and 218ppkg (x2). Four fat heifers from GW & BA Haynes, Trefnant Isaf made 239ppkg, 233ppkg, 227ppkg and 226ppkg. GW & BA Haynes, Trefnant Isaf receive the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday to commence at approximately 12.30pm. More Fat Cattle

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PRIME LAMBS (579)

An entry of 579 Prime lambs, selling to an overall average of 146.74ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg)

(140) to 157ppkg from GA & AM Huxley, Glaneinon.

Others to 147ppkg from Mrs SJ Jones, Tynypant. Average of 128.14ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to

39kg) (1509) to 170ppkg

from NG & GG Davies, Trawsgelli. Others to

164ppkg from EA Rees & Co, Borth Newydd. Average of 141.21ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to

45.5kg) (2847) to 170ppkg

from EG & DM Davies, Lower Bolbro. Others to

169ppkg from MG & MN Hanselman, Knappa Farm.

Average of 150.96ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg)

(1056) to 176ppkg from MG

& MN Hanselman, Knappa Farm.

Others to 167ppkg from CL & C Watkins, Bank Farm.

Average of 146.01ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg)

(216) to 147ppkg from DP

Casewell, Tanrhw. Others to

144ppkg from Probert &

Probert, Lower Hill. Average of 137.75ppkg.

CULL EWE (2249)

An entry of 2249 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £34.14 for the ewes and £60.29 for the rams. Top price of the day for the rams was £114 per head from MP Harding, Lower Cefnypwl. Top price for the cull rams was £155 per head from AJ Rees, Berthaberley. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS & STORE EWES

Store Lambs:

An entry of 726 store lambs forward. Theave lambs achieving a top price of £59.50 from DS Jerman, Gwernau. Mixed and clean lambs achieving a top price of £68.80 from HM Rogers, Upper House. Wether lambs achieving top price of £53.50 from DN & DW Jones, Plasnewydd. Tup lambs achieving top price of £52.50 from MG & M Fox, Sychnant. Mixed and tup lambs achieved a top price of £51.50 from EW Anwyl & Co, Dolgadfan. A special entry of 120 Organic store lambs achieved a top price of £56.50.

Store Ewes:

An entry of 200 theave lambs achieving a total average of £50. Top price of £66

from B Davies, Bryncica

COWS & CALVES

An entry forward of 52 breeding cows and heifers met with a ring full of buyers which resulted in a grand trade with 6 outfits over £2000. Two Limousin 1st calvers with a bull and heifer calf from WI Jones & Sons, Cilcwm Fawr sold for £2060 and £1900 respectively. JBC Gwili, Bwlch Garth sold a Limousin X cow with a Blonde D'Aquaine heifer calf sold for £2000. RE & CJ Davies, Boycott Hall sold 6 British Blue X 1st calvers with Limousin calves at foot to a top price of £2080 to average £1765. RD Owen, Greenfields sold 2 Limousin cows with Limousin heifer calves for £2000 each. Daniel Bates, Rhiale Uchaf sold 7 Limousin X 2nd calvers with Limousin calves at foot to a top of £1980 to average £1685. A special entry of 12 British Blue X in-calf heifers from FG & G Mountford, Wallop Hall, in-calf to a Limousin bull due April 2012 sold to a top of £1620 to average £1246. Two Hereford X

heifers from the same home made £880 a piece.

A breakdown of all prices achieved were as follows: - £1200+ 6 lots : £1800 - £2000 7 lots : £1600 - £1800 5 lots : £1400 - £1600 8 lots ; <£1300 13 lots

STORE CATTLE

Top prices are as follows: Store Steers per head.

Charolais X (x1) 545kg

£1170 from JS Abel, Hendre Aur.

Charolais X (x1) 590kg

£1125 from DT & C Williams, Maes Y Nant

Limousinx (x1) 555kg

£1170 from DI Jones, Cwm

Limousinx (x2) 562kg

£1060 from JRS Hughes & Co, Lower Mynydd

Store Heifers per head.

Charolais X (x2) 612kg

£1060 from W & MA Jones,

Clwyd-y-dronen

Charolais X (x2) 481kg

£1000 from JS Abel, Hendre Aur.

Limousinx (x1) 480kg

£910 from JS Abel & Co,

Hendre Aur.

Store Steers per kilo.

Charolais X (x1) 545kg

£1470ppkg from JS Abel,

Hendre Aur.

Limousinx (x3) 333kg

204.20ppkg from BP Rudd & Son, Maesgarthbeibio

Store Heifers per kilo.

Charolais X (x5) 481kg

207.90ppkg from JS Abel,

Hendre Aur.

Limousinx (x1) 415kg

197.60ppkg from BP Rudd & Son, Maesgarthbeibio

Store Heifers per kilo.

Charolais X (x5) 481kg

207.90ppkg from JS Abel,

Hendre Aur.

Limousinx (x1) 415kg

197.60ppkg from BP Rudd & Son, Maesgarthbeibio

Store Steers per kilo.

Charolais X (x3) 638kg

262ppkg from M P B Ashton & Son Belan Ddu

Charolais X (x3) 556kg

251ppkg from M P B Ashton & Son Belan Ddu

Charolais X (x2) 602kg

242.50ppkg from M P B Ashton & Son Belan Ddu

Charolais X (x4) 590kg

242.2ppkg from M P B Ashton & Son Belan Ddu

Charolais X (x2) 440kg

242.2ppkg from A Roberts & Sons Dolau

British Blues (x4) 543kg

239ppkg from M P B Ashton & Son Belan Ddu

Store Heifers per kilo.

Limousinx (x2) 420kg

239.3ppkg from G & N Wigley Rhosdyrnog

Limousinx (x1) 360kg

Charolais (x3) 638kg

£1680 from M P B Ashton & Son Belan Ddu

Charolais (x1) 465kg

230ppkg from Tynybrynn

Farms Tynybrynn

Charolais (x4) 470kg

228ppkg from M P B Ashton & Son Belan Ddu

Charolais (x4) 442kg

224ppkg from T G Bennett & Co Neuadd

Limousinx (x2) 402kg

224ppkg from J A Williams Llechwedd Dyrys.

F O R T H C O M I N G

SALES:

Monday 19th November, Sale of Dairy Cattle

Tuesday 20th November, November Store Cattle Fair

Monday 26th November, Sale of Cows and Calves

Monday 3rd December, Christmas Fat Stock & Dairy Cows Show and Sale (Special entry of Pure Limousin & British Blue In-Calf Heifers)

Monday 10th December, Store Cattle & Cows and Calves

Wednesday 12th December, Red Market

Monday 17th December, Sale of Dairy Cattle

Friday 21st December, In-Lamb Texels

Oswestry cattle auctions

November 7

FAT CATTLE: (53)

A very limited number of cattle forward and a fair few

lacking flesh which disappointed buyers.

Top lots hit £133p for

Bulls and 195p for Steers

highest in the lump was £1431 for a Steer, bottom

book of 136p for a plain

friesian heifer an overall

market average of 178.5p

was achieved. Our average

may look less on paper but it was a very good trade on the cattle we had to offer

Young Bulls (23) Overall

Average 177.5p.

Light Bulls (3) Average

181p (£790/head) Selling to 203p from J Evans & Son

Tanygarth

Medium Bulls (16) Average

177.5p (£1050/head) Selling to 181p from P T Gore

Shoothill Farm

Steers (10) Overall Average

173.5p.

Heavy Steers (10) Average

173.5p (£1135/head) Selling to 195p from JP Evans & Son

Lower Eytton Farm

Heifers (20) Overall Average

183p

Light Heifers (1) Selling to

210p from V A S & S M Corbett Gorther

Medium Heifers (3) Average

199p (£921/head) Selling to

233p from V A S & S M Corbett Gorther

Heavy Heifers (16) Average

180p (£1015/head) Selling to

218p from V A S & S M Corbett Gorther

More cattle needed each

week to satisfy these buyers.

Cattle need to be sold with

flesh to get your best

returns, keep them coming

and thank you for your continued support

FAT LAMBS: (4052)

Lights to 136p average

130p, Standards to 162p

average 140.5p, Mediums to

173p average 154p, Heavy's

to 167p average 151p, Others

to 147p average 139.5p.

Overall average 148p.

FAT EWES: (794)

Ewes to £84.00 average

£31.00, Rams to £82.00,

average £43.50

Please Note : All sheep

entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (56)

Marginaly reduced numbers

submitted to a rather

subdued trade, most interest

shown in friesians rearing.

Best continentals topping at

£304 for Limousin Males and

£302 for British Blue

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females. Limousin Bulls to

£304 & £262 from Messrs

Roberts Pentre David.

British Blue Bulls to £300

(twice) from Messrs Pryce

Coedmawr £260 from

Messrs Ellis Pentre

British Blue Heifers to £302

from Messrs James

Church Farm. Limousin

Heifers to £220 from Messrs

Roberts Pentre David.

Friesians Bulls to £112 from

Messrs Gilman Birch Hall

£82 from Messrs Eddie Willow

Farm £72 & £66 from Messrs

Andrew Neuadd Uchaf £70

Messrs Davies Lower

Eytton Farm

Heifers to £137p average

128p/kg

Limousin to 157p average

124p/kg

Belgian Blue to 160p average

138p/kg

Friesians to 127p average

96p/kg

Heifers

Limousin to 179p average

175.97p/kg

Belgian Blue to 171p average

170.51p/kg</p

MOTORING

Volvo's great estate revels on open road

IF SAFETY, comfort and space come anywhere near the top of your demands when buying a new car the Volvo XC70 may be just what you need.

The 4x4 estate sits high off the ground but is more at home on the road than off and is an extremely practical choice with more standard kit than a lot of its opposition.

Even so the XC70 will get you most places thanks to semi-off-road tyres, an electronically controlled diff, raised ground clearance

DRIVE TIME
with Graham Breeze



and a specially tuned traction control and hill-descent system.

It's an ideal tow vehicle and would be perfect for caravanning or taking the horses to the local show.

The good news when buying is that the

XC70 sells in limited numbers which means residual values are respectable and second hand demand is high.

The cabin and loading bay are made of sturdy stuff and reflect Volvo's excellent reputation for reliability and longevity meaning your relationship could be a long one.

In the cabin all the materials look at home, and look classy and durable. Everything is easy to find and you won't find many complaining about comfort.

Transmission

The model I had on test was the XC70 D4 SE Nav with manual transmission with an on-the-road price of £33,305 but the added bits which included a driver support pack, 18" alloys and metallic paint shot the price up to £37,255 which seems a bit on the high side to me.

The all-aluminium high performance 2.4 litre five-cylinder turbo diesel engine is quick and responsive and comes complete with sequential twin turbo chargers and start-stop technology.

In six-speed manual format there's a maximum 163PS output, a top speed of 127mph, 0-60mph in 9.6 seconds and a respectable average fuel consumption figure of 50.4mpg of diesel.

"It's an ideal tow vehicle and would be perfect for caravanning or taking the horses to the local show."



As usual Volvo puts safety first with anti-whiplash and side impact protection

CO2 emissions come in a 149g/km and the car falls in to the 'F' tax band.

What really impressed me was the standard automatic headlight dimming system which proved annoying at first but was sadly missed when changing to another vehicle.

The headlights simply dip when an approaching vehicle is detected and return to main beam once the road is clear. The system also detects vehicles that you are catching up on and dips the lights accordingly.

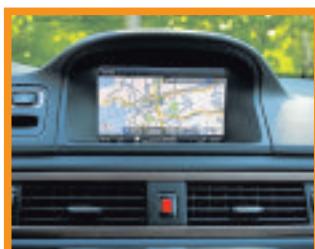
Brilliant. The XC70 corners better than most rivals but there's a fair bit of body roll. The real beauty is the worse the weather gets the better protected you become and the better the handling gets.

Safety is right at the top of Volvo's agenda and you get anti-whiplash and side-impact protection systems as standard across the range along with traction control.

An optional Blind Spot Information System is available to alert you to cars nearby.

Inside the Volvo is a genuine five seater. There's leg and head room to spare and 1,600 litres of luggage space. You won't hear the driver or passenger complaining about comfort.

Volvo's dilemma is whether this XC70 should be branded an off-roader or not and even though the high stance means it looks the part it's fair to say the car is more at home of the open road than in the forest.



The cabin equipment has a classy look

BUMPER TO BUMPER

Volvo XC70

Model: D4 SE Nav AWD
Price: £33,305
Top speed: 127mph
0-60mph: 9.6secs
Combined fuel: 50.4mpg
CO2 emissions: 149g/km



The Volvo XC70 boasts raised ground clearance and a hill-descent system



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New Seat compact has pedigree

SEAT has introduced the Ibiza Cupra. Shown first as a concept during April's Beijing International Automotive Exhibition, the Cupra is now unveiled in barely touched production form.

The Ibiza Cupra is a package that's simultaneously compact and versatile, making it an extremely compelling day-to-day performance car. Performance is scintillating, with a 0-62mph time of just 6.9 seconds and a top speed of 142mph, yet it is exceptionally efficient, with average fuel consumption of 47.9 mpg.

Due to arrive in the UK in January 2013 priced at £18,825, with order books opening next week, the new Ibiza Cupra follows more than 16 years of heritage.

The Cupra name was born in 1996 as a special, top-of-the-line Ibiza built to commemorate Seat's World Rally Championship victory in the 2.0-litre category. Since then a Cupra has always featured in the Seat model line-up, with the name adorning both the Ibiza and Leon ranges.

Supercharger

Powered by a 1.4-litre TSI petrol engine that develops 180PS and 250Nm, owing to a turbocharger and a supercharger as well as direct injection, the latest Ibiza Cupra is truly worthy of the name, and begins the next chapter of the Cupra success story.

The state-of-the-art TSI power unit is a compact piece of hi-tech equipment that guarantees exceptionally refined performance during day-to-day driving, while a unique sound actuator in the exhaust system allows for an extra sporty sound when the driver desires it.

And for extra driver involvement, the seven-speed DSG twin-clutch automatic transmission, with its extremely short shift times, can be operated via paddles mounted behind the steering wheel.

The chassis of the Ibiza Cupra has been tuned for maximum agility and precision. The



The new compact SEAT Ibiza Cupra will arrive in the UK in January

ride height has been lowered compared to the standard car, and an optional AP Performance braking system is available, offering remarkable stopping power.

An XDS electronic differential lock reduces the tendency to understeer and improves handling through fast corners, and an ESP electronic stability system incorporating hill start part of the safety package that comes as standard on the Ibiza Cupra; the car has been awarded the maximum five stars in the Euro NCAP crash test.

The edgy lines of the standard-fit bi-xenon lights are typical of the new SEAT design language, while being perfectly integrated into the Ibiza's sculptural form.

The LED daytime running lights trace the

line of the headlamps to deliver a unique light signature, as do the LED rear lights. The bi-xenon headlamp technology delivers perfect illumination, while cornering lights are integrated into the large fog lamps.

The side view of the three-door coupé is brought to life by the sharply defined lines and edges, with the muscular rear shoulders and exclusive 17in wheels underscoring the car's dynamics.

Contrast

The black, high-gloss exterior mirrors provide a clear contrast to the paintwork of the Ibiza Cupra, while the powerful rear end underscores once again the special role of the Ibiza Cupra as the new benchmark for compact



The Ibiza Cupra is powered by a 1.4-litre TSI petrol engine

cars – a broad bumper frames the substantial, matte black diffuser incorporating the trapezoidal exhaust outlet.

The emotional power of the exterior design is repeated in the interior of the Ibiza Cupra, in its extremely minimalist, clearly structured cockpit; the exceptional feeling of quality, the ergonomic excellence and the precision of the workmanship all underscore SEAT's dedication to detail.

The new sports steering wheel features the Cupra logo, and the shift paddles for the DSG transmission are within easy reach of the driver's fingertips.

Additionally, the Cupra features unique sports seats with optional two-colour leather upholstery.

The entertainment system in the Ibiza Cupra is completely new; the high-performance audio system is enhanced by the innovative SEAT Portable System.

The highly functional unit, which debuted in the Mii city car, is removable for mobile use yet perfectly integrated into the vehicle electronics system.

Its extensive functions include a navigation system, Bluetooth audio streaming, a Micro SD card slot for music storage, hands-free phone system with voice control, and an on-board computer.

As the flagship car of the Ibiza range, the Cupra gets a number of standard equipment items over and above the Ibiza FR, which itself is a generously equipped model.

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MOTORING

New Astra demonstrator

A new Astra VXR demonstrator has arrived at award-winning Vauxhall dealers Arthurs of Oswestry and Newtown.

"This is no ordinary Astra," said Grant Dodworth, Arthurs of Oswestry sales consultant.

"The familiar griffin badge which typifies a well made Vauxhall is still on the front grille, but car buffs will notice the initials VXR emblazoned across its bulging wings and aggressively styled interior," said Grant.

"To most people this unsightly branding will mean little, but to hot hatch drivers this signifies an awful lot. The VXR is seriously desirable – a very good car indeed."

"I regard it as one of the sexiest hot hatches of the year and on the road it is simply stupendous."

Grant's colleague Craig Huxley enthusiastically tells customers that the VXR has a two-litre turbo direct injection engine with enough bolt-ons to take flight – spoilers, sports seats and 20in alloy wheels that would make a NASCAR driver blush."

He enthusiastically added: "It is incredibly fast with 276bhp and 60mph in less than six seconds which makes it the most powerful car in its class – a performance brawler for the masses and it should be celebrated."



Craig behind the wheel of the new Astra VXR demonstrator



Despite the sporty looks, Volkswagen's Taigun concept model is unashamedly a city car

'Peace of mind' finding



Ben Phillips says more and more customers are returning to franchise dealers like Arthurs

Arthurs say investigations they have carried out match those of RAC Warranty.

Ben Phillips, Arthurs of Oswestry's sales controller, said more and more customers were returning to franchise dealers like Arthurs because they wished to have 'peace of mind.'

And RAC Warranty say they found that one of a customer's primary buying motives was wanting 'security and peace of mind.'

Arthurs has been rewarded for 'significantly exceeding' their target for buying cars direct from Vauxhall's used car programme Network Q.

Explained Ben: "We are given a target every three months for buying cars from Network Q and we have been very proactive in taking advantage of some phenomenal deals with the benefits passed on to customers."

"As Network Q dealers, we pride ourselves on carrying out a thorough check on every used car we sell and they are all covered by a comprehensive warranty so we find we receive very few customer complaints."

Ian Simpson, RAC Warranty's sales and marketing director, said customers wanted cars that were 'trustworthy' and unlikely to create trouble, a statement endorsed by Ben who added: "We take pride in presenting quality cars at competitive prices."

In addition to RAC Warranty, Citizens Advice announced there were over 12,000 complaints about used cars bought from independent dealers – three times as many compared to their franchise counterparts.

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	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Church Stretton	14	7	3	25	24	15
FCU Heslop	14	6	8	20	23	15
Shifnal United	13	7	4	24	16	15
Oakengates Ath.	13	6	5	28	20	15
Mores United	10	5	2	22	13	15
Allesley	10	5	5	20	17	15
Kelty Heath	13	5	8	26	16	15
Telford Juniors	9	4	2	15	12	15
Wington Ams Res	12	4	7	17	25	15
Weston Rhyn	12	2	1	9	11	15
Whitchurch Aps Res	13	6	1	13	22	15
Dawley Town	8	1	6	4	21	15

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ketley Town	14	13	1	73	20	39
Madley Sports	13	10	3	51	30	30
Press FC	13	10	3	56	25	30
Rock Rovers FC	12	9	1	57	21	29
Bishops Castle T	13	8	2	21	21	27
Oswestry Lions	12	8	2	34	23	27
Wrockwardines	12	6	5	40	27	26
Brown Clee	12	6	5	37	20	26
Oswestry BC	13	5	6	26	25	17
Clee Hill	11	3	7	40	10	17
Hopescote United	12	3	9	50	9	17
Morda Utd Res	12	2	1	19	55	17
Meols Bridg. Res	12	1	1	11	55	16
Shawbury Utd Res	12	4	2	12	62	16
Wrock Wood Jun	11	1	10	18	62	3

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Oakengates Rang	14	12	2	55	37	37
Ellisbards	13	11	1	68	13	39
Flexys A	6	3	3	16	14	16
Ex Svc A	6	3	2	16	14	16
Glyn Ceriog A	6	3	4	17	17	15
Llanrhystud A	5	3	2	12	13	15
Ex Svc A	6	3	3	18	18	12
Conwen	6	2	4	18	18	12
Ex Svc E	5	2	3	10	15	12
Rhos Shrook Club	5	1	4	17	18	12
Ex Svc D	14	0	4	10	17	0

SNOKER LEAGUE

SNOOKER LEAGUE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Cefn RBL	6	6	0	25	5	19
Ellesmere A	5	4	1	19	6	19
Flexys A	6	3	3	16	14	16
Ex Svc A	6	3	2	16	14	16
Glyn Ceriog A	6	3	4	17	17	15
Llanrhystud A	5	3	2	12	13	15
Ex Svc A	6	3	3	18	18	12
Conwen	6	2	4	18	18	12
Ex Svc E	5	2	3	10	15	12
Rhos Shrook Club	5	1	4	17	18	12
Ex Svc D	14	0	4	10	17	0

SNOOKER DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Critters	6	6	0	25	5	19
Morda	5	4	1	19	6	19
Iffon	6	4	2	19	11	17
Llanrhystud B	5	4	1	18	7	18
Four Crosses	5	0	17	8	17	7
Flexys B	5	2	3	12	13	15
Rhos	4	2	2	6	6	8
Ellesmere B	5	0	5	7	18	7
Flexys B	5	0	5	7	18	7
Llangynog	5	0	5	4	21	4

BILLIARDS

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Morda A	4	3	1	7	5	10
Glyn Ceriog	4	2	2	7	5	10
Ellesmere B	4	2	2	6	6	8
Morda B	4	2	2	6	6	8
Rhos	4	2	2	6	6	8
Ellesmere A	4	2	2	5	7	7
Llanrhystud A	4	2	2	5	7	7
Ex-Servicemen's	4	1	3	22	19	7

BILLIARDS

Lady captain on a charity drive



Barbara Warner, left, lady captain of Oswestry Golf Club hands over the cheque to Sister Pam Williams from Royal Shrewsbury Hospital Renal Unit.

THE Lady captain of Oswestry Golf Club has helped raise more than £1,000 after seeing family members given a new lease of life thanks to kidney transplants.

Barbara Warner, 67, from Little Ness, has been fundraising since last December and has helped collect £1,445 for the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital Renal Unit.

Tom Downes, Mrs Warner's nephew, was given her brother Richard's kidney 14 years ago when he was 17. Another relative, Ray Mitchell from Nesscliffe, was given a kidney when he was 70. He is now 83 years old and doing well.

Following the competition there was the annual trophy presentations.

Runners up were Viv Davies, Tony Davies and Eddie Smith with 85 pts won on countback from Nick Flack, Pete Grimley and Mark Williams.

Trevor makes it two in a row



Two of the three-man winning team with their shield are Ian Fort, left, and Trevor Rowlands. The third member of the Henlle winners was Rob Lawrence.

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SPORT

Impressive Lions down the Jets in a match due!

Saha Jets under 8's 3
Oswestry boys Lions under 8's 9

SAHA JETS took an early two goal lead but Oswestry were soon level after they pulled it back and then took a 3-2 scoreline into the break.

In the second half Oswestry took control of the game and played some lovely passing football which led to them scoring six goals to one reply from Saha.

Oswestry goal scorers were Harry Darley(3), Liam Smyth(3), Oscar Herd, Ben Frost and Taylor.

Man Of The Match was Oscar Herd.

Oswestry Tigers under 9s 10

Up & Comers Eagles 0
The Tigers played host to Up & Comers Eagles and started the match brightly with chances going begging.

The opposition were struggling to keep pace with the Tigers and the Tigers made the most of their complete control by going 6-0 up at half-time.

In the second half the Tigers went for more goals and found the net four more times to leave the final score 10-0.

Goalscorers were Ollie Evans (4), Max Thomas (40), Charlie Morris and Seb Wilson.

Under 14
Charity cup
Oswestry 2 Shifnal 2
(Oswestry win 6-5 on
penalties)

This game had absolutely everything apart from the kitchen sink as both teams produced a classic cup tie.

Shifnal started the brighter and soon got their noses in front with a converted penalty.

But Oswestry did not let their heads drop and produced a host of chances bringing the best out of the visiting keeper.

Oswestry started the second half dominating possession and the visiting keeper was the busier out the two.

However despite having more of the possession Oswestry suddenly found themselves two down.

Oswestry continued to push and within the space of five minutes they were level with two well taken goals from Tom Rodgers.

The game finished level in normal time and with both teams pushing for a winner in extra time it was inevitable that it was going to take penalties to separate them.

Oswestry came out top from the spot winning 6-5. 0. Keeper Sam Fitchett was man of the match.

McGarvey is star man as Morda stun Stretton

A MASTERFUL midfield performance from Kevin McGarvey and some slick finishing enabled Morda United to sweep aside high-flying Church Stretton Town 5-1 to underline their title credentials in the Mercian Regional League premier division.

Goals from Ian Heathcock, Gareth Lewis and Dan Graham saw the Weston Road side three up at the interval before Tom Coulson then extended the lead in the second period.

Matthew Newton found the net to give Stretton a glimmer of hope until Jamie Woodward completed the scoring with the home team's fifth.

Morda entered this encounter 10 points behind league leaders Church Stretton but with four games in hand, and it was the visitors who started the game impressively.

However, the Weston Road hosts took the

lead after 13 minutes when McGarvey showed great determination when shrugging off several tackles before finding Heathcock who beat the keeper neatly.

Morda then enjoyed a good spell with Graham having a cross blocked for a corner, while Lewis had a shot from a narrow angle palmed to safety before he extended the lead with a deft back header from a Gary Meredith cross.

A debatable penalty for a tackle by Coulson on the half hour gave Stretton a way back into the game but Morda goalkeeper Sam Jones saved Paul Smith's weak spot kick.

Jones then thwarted Smith a second time in free play before great interplay between Ian Heathcock and Gary Meredith ended with Graham hitting Morda's third, and his

10th goal of the season. Craig Rogers' side retained their control after the break with a superb ball from Shin Miah enabling Coulson to score their fourth.

Stretton, however, stuck to their task and were rewarded when a hooked cross found the net via Newton.

Accurate

Referee Andy Davies then became the centre of attention when Coulson, one of several players to have received yellow cards in a clean and sporting game, was sent off for a second caution for something missed by players and supporters of both sides.

Man of the match Kevin McGarvey finished the match as he started, showing great determination then accurate passing, finding substitute Jamie Woodward who hit

Morda's fifth to complete a fine afternoon for the Weston Road men.

Despite their five goal showing, Morda have moved up just one place to sixth, while Stretton remain top, two points clear of FC Hodnet.

On Saturday, Rogers and his team hope to maintain their climb towards the summit of the table when they entertain second placed Hodnet, a side seven points ahead of them having played two more games.

The kick off at Weston Road will be at 2pm.

Morda reserves, who lost 6-2 away at Prees in division one last Saturday, have an opportunity to secure much needed points when they travel to bottom of the table Wrockwardine Wood reserves.

Rhyn are stranded after loss to Shifnal

WESTON RHYN remain stranded in the bottom three of the Mercian Regional League premier division after losing 3-2 to Shifnal at Vicarage Lane.

Despite taking the lead through Ryan Leightwood in a topsy turvy encounter, they succumbed to a couple of penalties, leaving them three points above rock bottom Dawley Town, but having played four more games.

Rhyn now face a 'must win' home clash on Saturday (2pm) with Wellington Amateurs reserves who lie just one place above.

It all started well enough for Rhyn when, after eight minutes Anthony Jones crossed for Leightwood to find the net at the far post.

Shifnal were soon back on terms four minutes later when Dan Lucas' corner was punched out by keeper Paul Morris to Dan McClure. His shot was blocked by a defender amid claims for handball, which were rejected, but the ball fell to Jamie Palmer who fired in.

The visitors went in front just before half time when Alex Causer went down in the box and Lucas converted scored from the spot.

Shifnal went 3-1 up in the 70th minute with another penalty, this time put away by Palmer.

Rhyn pulled a goal back 10 minutes from time when a ball over the top from sub Lewis Penrose found Matthew Hardy who beat a couple of defenders before passing to Richard Hardy to score from 20 yards.

Three minutes from time Shifnal were awarded another penalty which saw Rhyn's Daryl Davies receive a second yellow to reduce the hosts to 10 men, but Lucas was denied by Morris.

Jamie faces tough test to keep top scorer title

STRIKER Jamie Breece is facing competition as he bids to retain the Spar Mid Wales League division one top scorer of the season trophy.

The Llanidloes Town forward, formerly of Welsopool, has netted 13 times in the league this term, and is level at the top of the hot-shots along with Bow Street marksman Mattie Davies who also has 13 goals to his name.

Four Crosses forward Jack Harris is just two goals behind with 11, while Llanfairfechan striker Iwan Matthews has found the net nine times, alone with Llanidloes ace Karl Selsie.

Wayne Austin, also of Llanfairfechan, has bagged eight this term, along with Llan's Tom Goodwin, while Berriew duo Jackson Hassanyeh and Christian Webster have both scored seven.

James Langford has also scored seven goals for Welshpool, while Tom Molley also has six for Dyffryn Banw.

Llanfair United are flying high at the top of division two, and they are also top of the scoring charts with Geraint Jones and Chris Gethin – who scored four times against Aberdyfi last weekend – both having a haul of 10.

Llanfyllin's Cody Smart has scored eight times, and Matt Mumford, of Kerry, has five goals to his name.

Battling Rovers cup dreams over as Rhyl prove too good

Waterloo Rovers 0 Rhyl 5

WATERLOO Rovers put up a plucky showing – but ultimately found high flying Rhyl too hot to handle as dreams of a major Welsh Cup were dashed in their big second round tie at Maesdyr.

After a goalless first half hour, the Seasiders showed their worth to progress to the third round with a 5-0 passage courtesy of a brace from Steve Jones and other goals from Liam Benson, Marc Evans and substitute Tom Rowlands.

However, the final scoreline was harsh on Waterloo who, 2-0 down until the 77th minute, then conceded two goals in the last two minutes that undermined their wholehearted

efforts. The opening exchanges saw the Huws Gray Alliance leaders measured in possession without posing too many problems, while it was Waterloo who went close when a rash clearance by Rhyl's Stefan Halewood fell to the feet of Richard Litchfield, but his curling effort sailed just over the crossbar.

The Spar Mid Wales League hosts went even closer when Will Pritchard's venomous dipping drive cannoned off the bar as Rovers sounded notice of their attentions.

After a sedate opening, this perked up Rhyl with the lively Lewis heading over a cross after winger James Gambino had broken into the penalty area.

But the visitors got their noses in front moments later on 31 minutes when Evans was denied by the legs of keeper Matt McWhinnie when through on goal, but Lewis stroked home the rebound.

Strike

Five minutes before half time, Rhyl were 2-0 up when former Colwyn Bay full-back Benson unleashed an audacious strike from 30 yards out that skidded off the surface and into the bottom left-hand corner.

Rhyl were now in full stride, and were only denied a third goal when Rovers captain Nathan Jones produced a superb goal line clearance from Gambino's header.

A third goal, however, duly arrived on 77 minutes when Lewis showed a great burst of speed down the right to beat two men before calmly rolling the ball across the 18 yard-box for Evans who fired in at the near-post from 10 yards out.

Lewis then switched from provider to scorer when pushing the ball round Gareth Turner he volleyed across McWhinnie into the left-hand corner.

Deep into second-half stoppage time substitute Tom Rowlands rocketed a strike into the top right-hand corner from 25 yards out to seal the victory.

Despite the scoreline, Rovers could take heart from their efforts against a strong Rhyl side who have set their stall out for a return to the Welsh Premier this season.

GUILDFIELD were without any cup action last weekend after being knocked out in the first round. Russell Cadwallader's men return to duty in the Cymru Alliance on Saturday with a trip to Penycuyl as they look to push into the upper half of the league.

Llanrhedadr left heartbroken by injury time goal

LLANRHEDADR'S hopes of finding some home comfort in the Welsh Cup were dashed as they slipped out of the prestigious competition with a 3-2 second round exit to visiting Llanrug United.

The cup was a welcome distraction in the Powys villagers' fight for survival in the Cymru Alliance but, despite a second half brace from Matthew Jones, progress into the third round was foiled in heart-breaking fashion by a last-gasp goal.

There was little between the sides in the first half

with the Welsh Alliance visitors from North Wales edging into a 1-0 interval lead, but Llanrhedadr were back on terms through Jones who then cancelled out a second Llanrug goal with a deflected effort.

Just when the second round tie appeared to be heading for extra time, the hosts were stunned by an injury time strike, leaving them left to reflect on what might have been.

Llanrhedadr need to quickly regroup as they return to Cymru Alliance business, with the little matter of a daunting trip to unbeaten league leaders Rhyl on Saturday.

MONTGOMERY'S hopes or progressing were dashed as they went down 3-1 at home to Llandudno Junction, while Rhayader Town slumped 2-0 at informal West End, with former Carmarthen star Darren Griffiths scoring both of the Swansea outfit's goals.

It was also the end of the road for Newbridge who bowed out 5-1 against Monmouth Town.

Penrhyncoch suffered a 2-1 defeat to Barry Town after having Luke Sherbon sent off against his former club. Last season's beaten finalist Cefn Drudys had a 3-1 success at Brymbo through Mark Harris (penalty), Mike Burke and Steve Jones.

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Trophy success for athlete Emily



Graham Merrington, secretary of the Shropshire Athletic Association, presents the President's Cup trophy to 15-year-old Emily Ball, from Oswestry

OSWESTRY field athlete Emily Ball has won acclaim for a three-medal haul in her native county.

Ball won gold in shot and discus and bronze in javelin at the Shropshire County Championships held at Telford last May.

The 15-year-old, who represents Chester-based West Cheshire AC, hit 10.23m in the shot, 28.57m in the discus and 23.74m with the javelin for third spot.

Her promise has been recognised when she was presented with the Shropshire Athletic Association's Presidents Cup at

the body's annual general meeting.

The teenager competed in the All-England Championships in Gateshead in July when she bagged a bronze with a personal best of 11.15m in the shot.

Association secretary Graham Merrington said: "Emily is a good prospect and her performance in the Championships made her a well-deserved winner of the Presidents' Trophy."

Bridgnorth AC's Rhys Bevan won the Clements Cup for his 51.69m throw in the men's under-17s javelin.

Under-strength team crash to defeat

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's mixed first team played their penultimate fixture of the season away at Woodfield.

With three regular members unavailable captain Kat Oakley had to call upon members from the second team. She partnered Matt Grice as first pair and they played a tough first rubber winning in straight sets 6-3, 7-5. They were also victorious in their second rubber taking the match 6-3, 6-2.

The second pair of Keith Grice and Carol Slater found in tough going as they were competing against opponents who play in group three ranks higher.

They only managed to claim five games going down in straight sets 2-6, 1-6 and 2-6, 0-6 respectively. With each side winning two rubbers the match result was decided on games won with Woodfield claiming five points to Oswestry's three.

SPORT**Under 13s score six to cruise into third round****Bridgnorth Town FC 1
Oswestry Boys Under 13's 6****OSWESTRY** made the 80 mile round trip to Bridgnorth worthwhile as they booked themselves a place in the third round of the County Cup with an assured display.

The game started evenly with both teams battling in midfield. It took Oswestry 20 minutes to make the breakthrough when dangerman Brandon Rogers latched on to a long ball and coolly finished.

Soon after Lewis Birch doubled the lead beating the keeper from 20 yards with a fine strike. Rogers got his second just before half time to give Oswestry a 3-0 lead at the break.

Rogers completed his fourth hat-trick in seven games within a minute of the restart before Birch made it five.

Bridgnorth scored a consolation from a corner with 10 minutes remaining and there was just enough time for Jake Evans to score his first goal for Oswestry. Oswestry visit Llanymynech in the league next Sunday.

Man of the match: Mitchell Brown.**Shrewsbury Up and Comers Hawks 2
Oswestry Boys Under 15's 1**

A fantastic team performance saw Oswestry go close to causing an upset at the previously unbeaten Hawks.

Oswestry started well and went a goal up through Tom Worswick.

A few missed chances and a fantastic save by keeper Joe Walker gave Oswestry a 1-0 half time lead.

Unfortunately they conceded an unlucky own goal and shortly afterwards Hawks scored again to go in front 2-1.

Oswestry kept trying to go forward but Hawks held on to win a fantastic game of football.

Man of the match: Kade Jackson.**Rovers face tough start in defence of cup title****HOLDERS** Waterloo Rovers start the defence of the Spar Mid Wales League Cup with a tricky first round trip to Talgarth United.

One of the most intriguing ties sees Llansantffraid Village welcome second division high flyers Llanfair United while Berriew travel to Montgomery.

Four Crosses, leading the way in division one, head to struggling Dyffryn Banw while Welshpool Town, buoyed by their welcome 3-1 win at Carno in the league last weekend, have a bye. Full draw: Builth Wells v Carno, Dolgellau v Llanfyllin, Dyffryn Banw v Four Crosses, Hay St Mary's v Aberdifi, Kerry v Bow Street, Knighton v Abermule, Llandrindod Wells v Aberaeron, Llansantffraid Village v Llanfair Utd, Montgomery v Berriew, Newbridge-on-Wye v Bont, Presteigne v Llanidloes, Rhosgoch v Aberystwyth Uni, Talgarth v Waterloo, Byes: Tywyn Bryncrug, Welshpool, Machynlleth.

E R Jenkins Cup first round draw: Llanidloes v Aberdifi, Kerry v Talgarth, Abermule v Bont, Machynlleth v Knighton, Rhosgoch v Hay St Mary's. Byes: Llanfair Utd, Llandrindod Wells and Presteigne.

Welshpool move up league after good away victory**RELIEVED WELSHPOOL TOWN** eased their basement worries in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a much needed 3-1 success at fellow strugglers Carno.

After a goalless first half, the Lilywhites clinched their third victory of the campaign thanks to goals from James Langford, Gareth Watkins and Stuart Buckley-Robbins, with victory lifting them over their hosts in the table.

"We've had some good performances in the last few weeks, we lost with the last kick of the game against Newbridge and deserved something from Builth, and this was definitely a game we could not afford to lose," said manager Dave Jones.

Pool, who had enough chances in the game to have been well clear, went ahead in their first attack of the second half through Langford's goal of the season.

Gareth Watkins added a second when he hooked the ball home following a corner and, despite David Rowlands pulling one back for Carno, the visitors

were not to be denied as Stuart Buckley Robbins fired a third to wrap up the points.

At the top end of the table, high-flying **FOUR CROSSES** opened up a three point lead at the summit after a routine 3-0 home victory over lowly **DYF-FRYN BANW**.Nick Popyk's side had started the day in joint top spot, but went clear after title rivals Abergavenny were forced to postpone their home clash with **LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE** due to a waterlogged pitch.

Builth Wells were another side to profit as they won 4-2 at Bow Street to go third, the home side staying in the hunt with replies from Paul Keegan and Nicky Smith.

Aberystwyth University, who are unbeaten at their Vicarage Fields base this season, stretched their unbeaten run to four games as they came from behind to win 2-1 at home to Tywyn Bryncrug with a goal in each half from Gareth Thomas and Tom Sparks.

LLANFAIR UNITED are going from strength to strength at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division two as they maintained their winning streak with a comfortable 6-0 verdict at Aberdyfi.

Chris Gethin led the charge with four of the goals, taking his tally to 10 for the season, as Llanfair produced an excellent display to underline their title credentials.

Paul Griffiths lashed home a 25-yarder into the top corner and Darren Jones was the other marksman as the visitors netted three times in each half.

"It was a really good team performance," said boss Rhys Stephens. "Aberdyfi are near the bottom but their home form has been quite good. However, we played some excellent football."

Llanfair will look to keep their fine run going in Saturday's big home clash with Llanberis in the fourth round of the FAW Trophy, while the only other remaining local representative in the competition are Montgomery who head to Denbigh.

Elsewhere in division two, Llandrindod Wells

remain second, six points adrift of the pacers, after earning a hard-fought 3-2 victory at Rhosgoch.

ABERMULE are being dragged towards basement danger after suffering a 5-2 loss at lowly Bont while bottom club Machynlleth recorded their first win of the season when notching a 3-1 success at Knighton Town.

A hat-trick from Christian Roberts helped mid-table Presteigne prevail 4-3 against Hay St Mary's, Tom Hooper also on the mark from the penalty spot.

High flying **LLANDRINIO** kept their flag flying in the Emrys Morgan as they reached the Radnor Valley.However, it was the end of the road for **BERRIEW** who went down 4-2 at home to Traws-goed, while **TREFONEN** were beaten 4-2 by visiting Abergavenny. **LLANYMNECH** were 2-1 winners against Builth Wells, **ABERMULE** won 5-2 at Maesglas while **MEIFOD** had a walkover against Llanrhystud. Llangedwyn conceded their clash at Bronlys.**Barton hits four goals as leaders beaten 9-0****LLANRHAEDR RESERVES** came a cropper as they crashed 9-0 at a strong Gwilsfield reserves side in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one.

The league leaders had lost just once before last Saturday's game, but succumbed to their hosts who, without any first team action, included hot-shot Danny Barton who scored four of his team's nine goals.

Rob Cookson also weighed in with a hat-trick, while Steve Benyon and Chris Roberts also found the net for the Gwils who are up to fourth in the table.

The still trail Llanrhaeadr by 12 points but have three games in hand.

Caersws reserves are now just five points off the pace with two games in hand after their resounding 6-0 beating for **BETTWS**, with Sam Williams and Drew Reynolds scoring two apiece, while James Coleman and Dan Keynos also found the net.Mid-table **CHURCH-STOKE** crashed 5-1 at Newtown reserves in the Mistishbury division two, Neil Yapp netting their consolation, while goals from Ryan Groves and Brad Sanford steered Kerry reserves to a 2-1 home success over Carno reserves.**LLANSANTFFRAID RESERVES** moved into the third round of the Llansantffraid Village Cup with a 2-0 passage over visiting **FOUR CROSSES** reserves with goals from Wayne Austin and Nick Owen.**It's defeat number 13 for Rangers****Loughborough U 3
Ellesmere Rangers 0**

DESPITE another gutsy performance, Ellesmere were second best as goals from Daniel Nti and recent new signing Ebby Nelson-Ady condemned them to their 13th Midland Foothall Alliance defeat of the season.

The absence of Kirk Jones and the loss of Matty Fletcher was evident as club captain Connor Courtney and James O'Reilly plugged the defence with Richard Brown and Dan Tolley drafted into midfield.

Matty Preece made a welcome return supporting Kevin Renshaw up front.

Loughborough broke the deadlock on 21 minutes through Ebby Nelson-Ady and doubled the lead on 51 minutes when Nti who fired the ball home.

The third goal came 12 minutes from time when Ady fired home from a Bwbb cross.



Mike Hayes of Airbus goes down in the box under a challenge from TNS player Connell Rawlinson



The turning point as Chris Sargeant fires TNS ahead from the penalty spot



Former TNS defender Tommy Holmes, right, celebrates after giving Airbus an early lead in the clash at Park Hall

FOOTBALL
by John Bridgwater

"Once we went 3-2 up, we lost our composure for about 20 minutes, and tried to rush things, which is something else we have to work on."

"But overall, we achieved our objective, scored five goals, and we've now got a final to look forward to in January."

Victory was sweet revenge for the Saints who had lost to Airbus in the Welsh Premier just two weeks earlier, and they signalled their intentions early on with midfielder Ryan Fraughan at the thick of things.

Fraughan saw a 20-yarder tipped round the post by Chapman, Sam Finley had a goal bound effort blocked and defender Steve Evans headed over.

Drilled

But they were stunned in the 13th minute as a Toby Jones free kick was glanced on and former TNS defender Tommy Holmes nodded past keeper Paul Harrison.

The Oswestry men, however, continued to pose a threat going forward with Scott Ruscoe, making a rare appearance, volleying wide and Fraughan seeing a header saved from a Jason Lampkin cross.

And their efforts paid dividends on the half hour when Greg Draper, despite a suspicion of handball, steered the ball in the path of Fraughan who drilled a low angled shot in the far right post from 14 yards.

Airbus, going well this season with a new-look squad,

were also proving a handful on the break and had strong claims for a penalty turned down when their speedy forward Mike Hayes appeared to be felled in the box by defender Connell Rawlinson.

To add insult to injury, the Saints were ahead just moments later on 40 minutes as Fraughan found Sargeant who pulled the ball back from the left byline for Chris Marriot to sweep the ball into the roof of the net from seven yards.

The second half was just two minutes old when the visitors got back on terms, the home defence failing to deal with a corner from the left and Hayes fired his shot low into the net at the far post.

The game's key moment, however, came on 61 minutes when Chapman scythed down Lampkin as he rushed out of goal, the keeper being harshly red-carded and Sargeant drilled the resulting penalty into the top right corner past Armstrong after the defender had donned the gloves.

Despite going down to 10 men, Airbus were always in the hunt as the Saints failed to capitalise on their chances with Sargeant and Finley both going close while sub Matty Williams, making his first appearance in 11 months following knee surgery, send a crisp effort fizzing just wide of the post.

However, the hosts finally killed off the challenge of the Wingmakers with two injury time goals which was somewhat harsh on the visitors.

First, substitute Alex Darlington powered a low 20-yard shot past Armstrong in the first minute of injury time before Lampkin netted his first goal for TNS moments later when steering home sub Mike Wilde's cross from the left.

The Saints will now meet Carmarthen Town (2-1 winners over Llanelli) in the final on Saturday, January 12, at a venue to be confirmed. The game will be shown live on S4C.

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Men facing league fight

OSWESTRY are struggling to shake off their mid-table berth in hockey's West Midlands League division two after losing 3-1 at home to fourth placed Barlaston.

Defeat leaves the border side with plenty to do if they hope to avoid being dragged into basement trouble. Oswestry's second string, who drew 2-2 at home to Bangor University in their latest action in the North Wales League, head to Rhyd this Sunday.

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Oswestry's Deb Jones, left, and Wimington Park's Maz Rose fight for the ball in Oswestry 14-0 victory. League leaders Oswestry visit Timperley this weekend.

Boss pays tribute to side after cup defeat

WATERLOO Rovers' dreams of Welsh Cup glory may be over - but they went out with heads held high.

The Welshpool side succumbed 5-0 at home to unbeaten Cymru Alliance high fliers Rhyd last Saturday in their second round tie.

But the scoreline did not tell the full story with Rhyd only sealing victory with three goals in the last 13 minutes, two in injury time.

Waterloo boss Dale Roberts praised the efforts of his side. "They put up a good fight and ultimately suffered a defeat which was flattering to Rhyd," he said.

After last week's cup exploits, sixth placed Waterloo return to league duty on Saturday with an appetising clash against title chasing Aberaeron at Maesdyre (2.15pm).

Holders The New Saints have home advantage in the third round of the Welsh Cup after being paired against Cymru Alliance club Conwy Borough.

Rhyd, conquerors of Waterloo, have been drawn away to Aberystwyth Town, while Newtown are at home to last season's beaten finalists Cefn Druids. After their tremendous win over Caerwys in the previous round, Llanidloes Town have a tough trip to Flint Town.

Full draw: Afan Lido v Prestatyn Town, Newtown v Cefn Druids, Bangor City v Aberdare Town, Holywell Town v Caerphilly Town, Gwalia v Cheshunt, Cheltenham Town, The New Saints v Conwy Borough, Barry Town v Ely Rangers, Gap Connal's Quay v Abergavenny, Llanelli v Talybont Town, Aberystwyth v Llanidloes Town, Holywell Town v Goytre United or Caerau Ely, Pontarddulais Town or Ton Pentre Vale v Abergavenny, Mold Town v Bala Town, Llanrhaeadr United v West End, Llandudno Junction v Cambrian & Clydach or Haverfordwest.

Ties to be played the weekend of 8-9 December.

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Welshpool prepared for tough test at Rhos

AFTER making a flying start to the season, Welshpool's rugby players will face a stern test at Rhos on Saturday.

Pool have five wins, a draw and just one defeat in the Welsh League division three (north) this season putting them in pole position by one point.

But they now face the acid test against Rhos who despite lying fifth at the moment, are unbeaten and remain firm title favourites.

The sides met earlier in the season in the North Wales Intermediate Cup with Rhos running out emphatic 44-29 winners, with only a late surge after their hosts had incurred a couple of yellow cards saving Welshpool from an even bigger margin of defeat.

That was the last defeat for Pool coach

Dave Roberts and his team who have since drawn 17-17 with Newtown before winning two games on Anglesey, 22-12 at Benllech and 71-0 at struggling Holyhead. In their last action the Maesdyre side made hard work of their 30-24 home win over lowly Bangor.

Assistant coach Frank Johns knows Pool will face a stern challenge, but feels it is a good chance for his players to rise to the occasion.

"It's our biggest test of the season," he said. "We played them in the cup and they gave us a lesson that day, so we know what to expect.

"A lot depends on whether we can take a strong side, which is often the key to how we perform away, and I know that three of four lads who do struggle to

travel have made themselves available. I think everyone knows they will have to perform well on Saturday if they are going to come back with anything."

COBRA bid to keep up the pressure on the leaders in the Welsh League division two (north) when they host lowly Colwyn Bay on Saturday - the first of three meetings between the sides in the next month. After this weekend's league showdown, the Meifod men also do battle in the North Wales Cup on December 1, and the Swalec Bowl on Saturday, December 15.

First and foremost, their thoughts are on getting a maximum return from Saturday's clash after staying in the mix with a hard-fought 11-3 win at Llanidloes in their last action two weeks ago.

COBRA, with six wins from eight games, are firm favourites against a Bay side who are joint bottom.

COBRA's second string, who were 36-5 winners against Newport III in a mid-week friendly, were due to visit Shrewsbury in another friendly last weekend. However, that game has now been rescheduled for the Meifod ground this Saturday as their border rivals could not raise a side.

The club's youth team are also at home on Saturday when they take on Denbigh in the North Wales Youth League division one. They will be out to bounce back from their last action on home soil when a weakened side lost 41-6 to Kenfig Hill in the National Youth Cup.

Morda ready for a battle with Hodnet

MORDA United bid to steal another march on the Meridian Regional League premier division leaders when they play second placed FC Hodnet on Saturday (2pm).

The Weston Road men can approach the encounter in fine fettle after sweeping side leaders Church Stretton Town 5-1 last week to underline their title credentials.

Despite their five goal showing Morda have moved up just one place to sixth.

Boss Craig Rogers believes the introduction of six newcomers has given his side some upward momentum as they look to reel in the sides above.

Hodnet's another massive game for us but we can go into it in good shape," said Rogers.

Morda, meanwhile, face a tough task in the second round of the Shropshire Challenge Cup after being drawn at home to one of the favourites, Haughmond, on Saturday, December 1.

Tough test for Rangers

ELLESmere Rangers, desperate to revive their Midland Alliance fortunes, face a tough home tie with West Midlands division one side Hanwood United in the second round of the Shropshire FA Challenge Cup.

Full draw: Newport Town v St Martin's, Mold Utd v Hanwood, Wrexham v Rhyd, Wrexham Town, Shawbury Utd v Ketley Bank Utd, Wrockwardine Wood Juniors v Church Stretton, Ellesmere Rangers v Hanwood, Ellesmere Rangers v Oakengates, Alvechurch, FC Hodnet v Allscott. Ties to be played on Saturday, December 1.

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Jason Lampkin scores his first goal for TNS in their 5-2 win over Airbus in the semi-final of the Welsh Premier League Cup. They will face Carmarthen Town in the final.

Eagles hoping to land another victory

OSWESTRY'S rugby players will be looking to make it back-to-back wins in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two when they head to bottom club Buxton on Saturday.

Having steadied the ship with their solid 19-0 home win over Wallasey in their last action a couple of weeks back, the Eagles will have high hopes against a Buxton side propping up the table with just one victory in 10 outings.

Oswestry are entrenched in mid-table, with five wins, one draw and four defeats.

After their 35-10 loss to Moore II last week in the first round of the NOWRUL Bowl, OSWESTRY II bid to bounce back in the North West League division three (south) on Saturday when they host Wimington Park II who lie just one place below them in the lower half of the table.

Oswestry started well in last week's clash with Moore with two tries from captain Jerry Wilford giving them the lead, but their hosts began to capitalise on errors as they roared ahead in the second half.

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